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Comment Of The Day

A ZOO FOR HONGKONG?

URBAN Councillors want a zoo for Hongkong. Judging by the crowds which gather around the few cages in the Botanical Gardens, around feeding time their proposal would be well supported. And attendance figures at the new zoo which has opened in Laichikok must be an encouraging factor in the move to establish something bigger and more permanent in Hongkong. But the proposal needs to be carefully considered before Government commits itself.

The greatest limitation is Hongkong's climate which restricts the variety of animals we could import. Tropical countries could certainly provide a colourful selection, but again there is the difficulty of breeding certain wild animals in captivity. And quite apart from the restrictions which climate, feeding and breeding impose, Hongkong is hardly a big enough place to support an elaborate and costly zoo of the calibre of Colombo's for example.

Don't Need Two

AGAIN, if the Laichikok project succeeds as it gives every promise of doing we do not need a second. There is something to be said for concentrating all the animals in one place in various parts of the Colony. Thus the Botanical Gardens, the zoo, the monkeys, fox and birds, and the animals at the PG farm and the small Army "zoo" at Lyemau could be pooled with the 50 or so exhibits at Laichikok to provide a nucleus for something more substantial.

If this is what the Urban Councillors have in mind, the idea is sound and worth pursuing. But let private enterprise do the job. There is no need for Government to do more than surrender its animals when it is convinced that there are local promoters who can handle the job. It could also help arrange a site. The best suggestion is Aberdeen.

An Aquarium

A N even better idea than the zoo, however, is an aquarium. Here Hongkong would have no difficulty getting exhibits of all shapes, sizes and colours. For in our seas abound an amazing variety of marine life which would make a splendid display in any aquarium. Here there would be no breeding or feeding problems. Furthermore they would all be in their natural environment. Local fishermen would give us exhibits free and we could get almost anything from a sprat to a shark. Hongkong has even been visited by a whale!

If public funds are going to be spent on any project, a far better investment would be an aquarium. Let the Urban Councillors think about this before they bring up the subject of a zoo again. There are Hongkong people with imaginative plans for an aquarium that could, with the terrific variety of fish in our seas, turn out to be one of the most outstanding in the world.

RUSSIAN ROCKET TRAVELLED MORE THAN 8 m MILES THROUGH SPACE MAN-MADE PLANET IN ORBIT

Now A Satellite Of The Sun

Moscow, Jan. 7. Russia said tonight its cosmic rocket has gone into orbit around the sun after travelling more than eight-and-a-half million miles through space.

An official Tass announcement said: "The first artificial planet of the solar system emerged in its orbit today."

It said the rocket was now nearly 620,000 miles from earth and had travelled 8,690,000 miles through space.

Travelling Away

Its distance from earth "will increase at a terrific pace since the earth and the artificial planet are travelling away from each other," Tass said.

The artificial planet will be much nearer to Mars than the earth because of its velocity at the launching, which was well over the second cosmic velocity.

On January 14, the planet will reach its perihelion (the nearest point to the sun). It will then be about 90,710,000 miles from the sun and will travel with its maximum speed of 19.8 miles per second.

On its way towards its aphelion (the farthest point from the sun) the planet's speed will decrease to about 17 miles per second, the Agency said.—UPI and Reuter.

SOVIET PLANS TO SEND MANNED ROCKET TO VENUS & MARS THIS YEAR

Capetown, Jan. 8. Top Soviet scientist Anatoly Blagoravov said in an interview published here today that the USSR plans to send a manned rocket to Venus, Mars and possibly the moon next September.

According to the interview, carried by the Cape Town weekly, Star, Blagoravov said in a telephone statement from Moscow: "It is no secret that the nation which controls space also has control over the earth. Within a year, we will be in a position to destroy any city in the world, but we earnestly hope that such a possibility will never occur."

Preparing

The scientist said: "There is no more need for us to carry out tests and experiments. We have done all that is necessary and are now preparing to launch a rocket on Venus in June."

The scientist said that the USSR has already chosen Ivan Igorsky, 30, a bachelor, as the man to make the journey into space.

Igorsky, he said, had been undergoing extensive training, including tests such as remaining under water up to four minutes to strengthen his lungs, and being kept in an airless room for up to two and a half minutes.

Man-Made Planet

Blagoravov said Igorsky "will travel in an exact copy of the man-made planet which has now passed the moon. The man will have control over the planet and will be supplied with water and food in tablet form. He will send coded messages back to earth if anything goes wrong and he is unable to return."

The scientist said Igorsky "is being specially tutored to bring exact information as to the cause should he fall unconscious or lose his life. Our idea is to establish a new Russia on the planets Venus and Mars. If it is possible to establish life on the moon, we want to send a selected scientist to the moon and back about the end of the year."

Blagoravov said, "In June we are going to try to land a planet on Mars and we expect it to be successful. If we achieve the expected success in this venture, we will land men on Venus and Mars in September."—France-Press.

Fong Yim-Fun Says 'I Do' As She Clutches Hot Water Bottle



DR. RAYMOND YANG

The famous 30-year-old Hongkong Cantonese opera star, Fong Yim-fun, was married here today to Dr. Raymond King-wong Yang, as she clutched a hot water bottle.

Miss Fong, whose real name is Leung Yin-fong, was trying to keep out the chill of the English winter as she said "I do" to her 40-year-old prominent Hongkong physician at London's Caxton Hall. The temperature at the time was only just above freezing point.

Rumours of their impending marriage had been circulating in Hongkong for months. But both parties who flew to London separately before Christmas had been non-committal when approached in Hongkong.

Quiet Wedding

Their trip to England was because they had hoped for a quiet wedding away from the bride's fans, but Fong, who has been married to her second husband, was on one, attracted many Western admirers of Oriental beauty to London's Caxton Hall for the ceremony.

It is learnt that the couple will spend their honeymoon in Europe before returning to Hongkong.—All Agencies.



FONG YIM-FUN

RESIDENTS OF NO. 10 TO MOVE

London, Jan. 7. New temporary quarters are to be found for Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, whose official residence at 10 Downing Street, for decades the traditional London residence of British Premiers, is on the verge of collapse.

A Ministry of Works announcement tonight said the Prime Minister and his suite would be found provisional accommodation at Admiralty House in nearby Whitehall.

Although no official decision has been taken with regard to the Downing Street residence, it was understood that the whole-site strengthening and restoration work was envisaged.—France-Press.

BATISTA LOOT SEIZED

Washington, Jan. 7. The U.S. Government has impounded \$1 million in cash brought into the United States by a fleeing supporter of former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, informed sources said today.

These sources said the money was taken to Key West, Florida, by Cuban Sen. Rolando Masferrer in his private yacht about 12 hours after the fall of the Batista Government on New Year's day.

They said the U.S. Government seized the funds pending an investigation to determine the exact legal status of the money.—U.P.I.

U.S. TO LAUNCH RETRIEVABLE SATELLITE

Washington, Jan. 7. The United States will try for the first time in coming days to return part of an artificial satellite to earth after launching it in a polar orbit, Defence Department missile men reported today.

The satellite will weigh 1,300 pounds and carry a recoverable capsule containing measuring instruments and possibly an animal, they said.

It reportedly will be launched in the next few days at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California with the aid of a Thor medium range ballistic missile, combined with a smaller Bell Hustler missile.—France-Press.

Chicago Fire Verdict

Chicago, Jan. 7. The cause of the fire which took the lives of 90 children and three nuns at a Catholic school here last December 1 remains undetermined, a coroner's jury reported today.

The specialist jury said the fire started under the stairs and had been burning for some time before being reported.—Reuter.

Rector Bans Birdbath For Man's Grave

A Church of England Court here is to be asked to decide whether a birdbath can be placed on a man's grave.

The dispute has arisen over the grave of van driver George Dennis, who died in August 1957, aged 60.

George was a lover of birds and animals and his sister decided that a birdbath would be a fitting memorial on his grave. The Church Council had no objection, but the Rector, the

Reverend R.C.H. Cooper refused permission. The sister, Mrs. Edith Dandee, told reporters last night: "The rector told me the cross was the symbol of the church. There are one or two birdbaths in the churchyard already—but they were there before the present rector came."

"The ban is ridiculous. The churchyard is overgrown anyway, and the rector would see the birdbath only when he was conducting a funeral."

"When I told the rector I would look after it, he wanted to know who would look after it in 50 years' time."

"If I cannot have the birdbath I don't want anything on the grave at all—and I have told him so!"—Reuter.

TWO-TON MARBLE OSCAR FOR MIKE TODD'S GRAVE

Chicago, Jan. 7. The brother of film producer Mike Todd, who was killed in a plane crash in New Mexico last March, said today he planned to erect a two-ton marble replica of a Hollywood Oscar award over his dead brother's grave.

The brother, Mr. David Goldbogen, said he would seek the approval of Todd's widow, actress Elizabeth Taylor, before he went ahead with his plan.

A MEMORIAL

Mike Todd's real name was Abraham Goldbogen. His film, "Around the World in 80 Days," won a number of academy awards.

Mr. Goldbogen said the marble reproduction he planned as a memorial to his brother would stand about nine feet high and would cost about \$8,000. It would bear no epitaph.

"We would want to keep the memorial simple," he said.

Todd is buried in Waldheim Cemetery in a Chicago suburb.—Reuter.

MOTHER SCARED OF GOING HOME

Newcastle, Jan. 7. Every day for a year 42-year-old Mrs. Susan Green and her two daughters wandered in the streets until almost midnight because she feared being home when the gas inspector called.

Mrs. Green told Newcastle magistrates today when she admitted stealing cost 35,000 cubic feet of gas and 100 units of electricity from meters at her home.

She said she lived in fear of meter inspectors knocking at the door and stayed out from 7 a.m. to avoid them.

HUSBAND LEFT
She had been short of money since her husband left her. Mrs. Green told a detective, called in by the inspectors: "Thank God it is all over. Now we can start living a normal life at home again."

She was fined £5 and ordered to repay £27 to the gas and electricity authorities.—Reuter.

Moscow, Jan. 7. The Mongolian News Agency has issued a statement denying foreign reports of an insurrection in Mongolia.—Reuter.

BIG PURGE EXPECTED IN RUSSIA

London, Jan. 7. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev today was believed to be setting the stage for a major purge which could lead to a trial and even the execution of ex-Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Soviet affair experts said Khrushchev was preparing the ground for the rout of his known and potential opponents. The forthcoming 21st Communist party congress, scheduled to open in Moscow January 27, was expected to be the forum for a major move that could lead to the physical destruction of the so-called Molotov trio.

The Signs

But the signs were that Khrushchev was aiming at potential opponents as well as at the known members of the anti-party group.

The visible signs left little doubt that Khrushchev was working up to a major move for which he wants the formal approval of the Party Congress. By then he expects to have all the necessary evidence to prove that he was right and the others wrong—in whatever happened politically and economically in the post-Stalin era.

Expert observers still believed that Khrushchev would prefer a bloodless purge.

Stalin-Type

But they say the way things were moving, he might have no alternative but to revert to the Stalin-type proceedings, though with a studied emphasis on legality.

The first indications that something serious was afoot came last month when ex-Premier Bulganin was included by the Soviet press in the anti-party group. It originally included Georgi Malenkov, V. M. Molotov, Deputy Premier Lazar Kaganovich and ex-Foreign Minister Dimitri Shepilov. They were all ousted in 1957.

Soviet Chief Prosecutor A. Rudenko sounded an ominous warning with a chance remark that Malenkov, Molotov, Kaganovich and Bulganin committed "criminal violations of Soviet legality." This spells the threat of a trial as well as a possible death sentence.—U.P.I.

DIPLOMAT'S SON FINED IN COLONY

Lothar Brautigam, 19-year-old son of the German Consul-General, was fined \$100 this morning for careless driving. His licence was ordered to be endorsed.

In the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. J. D. Mackle told the Magistrate, Mr. K. A. S. Phillips that he was driving on Shek O Road towards Island Road last September.

Approached

As he approached this junction he slowed down. Then a cream-coloured convertible overtook his car at a fast speed and cut in front of him causing him to brake hard.

The car then turned into Island Road and went towards Stanley and Mr. Mackle followed it and got the number. Later it reported it to the police. Brautigam, who pleaded not guilty to the charge, was given a week to pay the fine. Sub-inspector R. P. Style prosecuted.

Lloyd Making Progress

London, Jan. 7. Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, may leave hospital (the *Evening Standard*) after having had his tonsils removed last Thursday, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

He continues to make "satisfactory progress."—China Mail Special.



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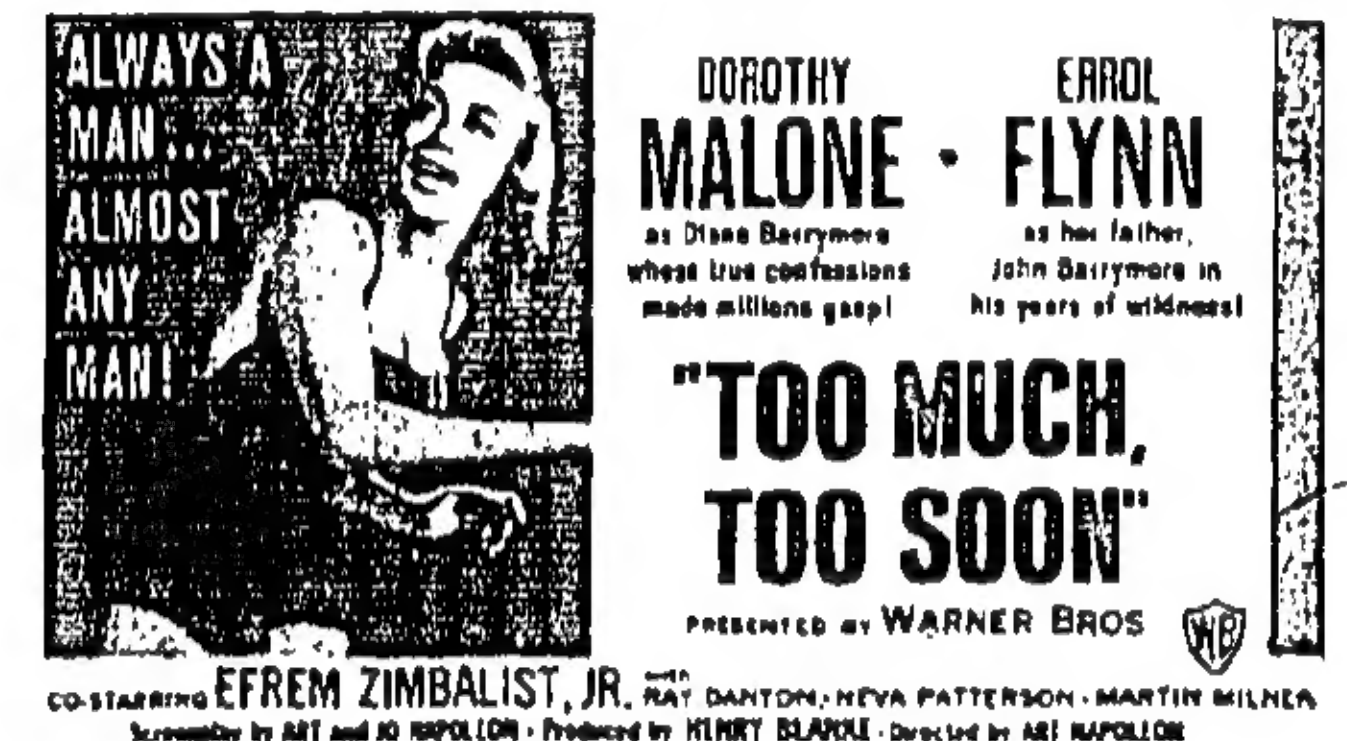
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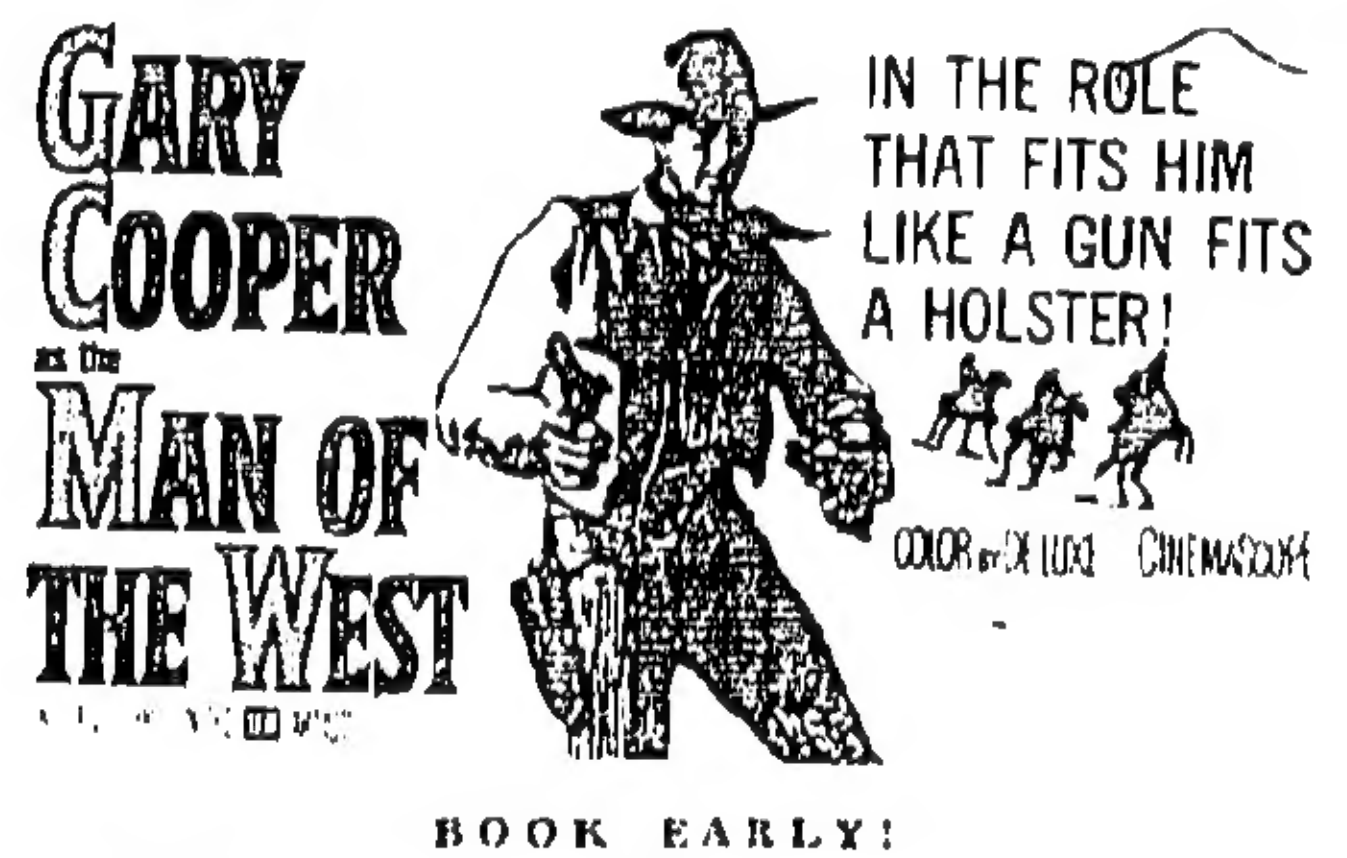
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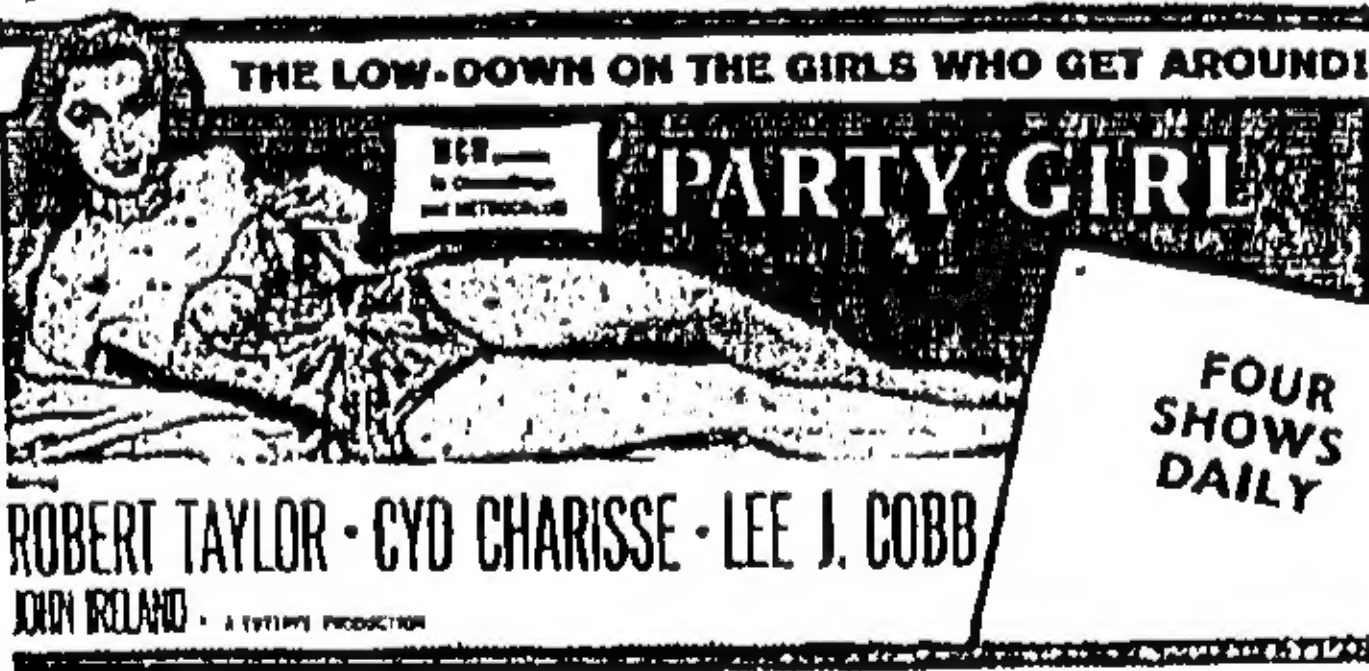
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A Coloured Bobby? NEGRO SETS THE POLICE A PROBLEM

Leeds, Jan. 7.

Richard Clarke, who had hoped to become Britain's first negro policeman, said today his application has been delayed and possibly rejected because of his race. The 25-year-old native of Trinidad, who is married to a white woman and has three children, has been drafted. He will have to report for Army duty unless he can get quick action on the job application he filed with the Leeds Police Department a month ago.

"It seems I am good enough to be a soldier, but not a Policeman," he said. "I have heard nothing on his Police application since he was called in by an Inspector to take an education test. So far as he knows, he passed."

Very Pleasant

"The Inspector was very pleasant, but he told me he had never known a coloured man to be employed in the Police," he said. "He said I had set a problem."

A Police spokesman denied Clarke's charge. "The question of his colour has nothing to do with his application," the spokesman said. "A month's delay is not unusual."

London, Jan. 7. A pacifist clergyman was waiting patiently today with other pacifists to be taken off to jail for refusing to sign a pledge "to keep the peace."

It's rather ironic to be accused of disturbing the peace when our whole object is to work for peace," remarked the Rev. Michael Scott while waiting in his office for police to arrest him.

The Rev. Scott is one of the 47 pacifists who defied police at a demonstration against the construction of a Thor missile base on December 20.

A local court gave the defendant pacifists the choice of serving a two-week prison term or signing a pledge to keep the peace for 12 months.—U.P.I.

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What Will The Palace Announce?

Tehran, Jan. 7.
Important news from the Shah's Palace can be expected shortly, according to usually well-informed sources.

Rumours have circulated that the Shah might marry Princess Maria Gabriella of Savoy, sister of Prince Victor Emmanuel.

But this would probably require the convening of a constituent assembly, because the constitution stipulates that the Shah's wife must be a "pure Iranian Moslem."

Prince Victor Emmanuel of Savoy, son of ex-King Umberto of Italy, recently stayed at the palace as a personal guest of the Shah.

Police officials declare that if such a visit was actually made, it was "strictly private."—France-Press.

'Declare Assets' Order To Officials

Karachi, Jan. 7.
The Pakistani Government in a new move in its anti-corruption campaign, today ordered high Government service officers to declare the extent of their assets.

The order affects all first class federal officers and some second class officers. The Government also advised the provincial governments to do the same.

Officers found guilty of accepting bribes or abusing their official position would be liable to a maximum penalty of 14 years' rigorous imprisonment and confiscation of their property. The ordinance said.—Reuters.

ONE IN EVERY HOME

Radio Alarm Will Warn Americans Of Nuclear Fallout

New York, Jan. 8.

An inexpensive device which can be plugged into a radio or television set to provide every American family with its own warning against nuclear fallout was shown for the first time today.

The device, known as the Banshee, because it sounds a high-pitched warning alarm through the loudspeaker of the set when exposed to dangerous concentrations of radioactive fallout, is also designed to lead the family to safety through the radiation cloud.

The makers of the Banshee, Tracerlab, Inc., of Waltham, Massachusetts, said the device would be made to sell for about \$5.

Plugged into radio or television sets, it will sound its alarm when radiation rises above a certain level, and in a portable set can be carried around as a pathfinder to lead survivors of an atomic explosion from the danger area.

The pitch of its wail rises for increased radioactivity, and sinks to a low buzz as the danger decreases.

The company said it made the device after consultation with Dr. William Libby, the scientific member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, who has long urged such a readily-available home fallout warning for the civil defence system.—Reuters.

HELPED NAZI ESCAPE

Berlin, Jan. 7.

A West Berlin court today sentenced a 39-year-old journalist, Robert Kremer, to five months in prison for helping a Nazi war criminal escape to Syria.

Kremer in 1953 helped a former Nazi diplomat, Hans Rademacher, to leave Germany after Rademacher had been convicted by a Nuremberg jury of being an accessory to the murder of 1,300 Yugoslav Jews.

Kremer claimed he did not know Rademacher had been convicted by a German court. He said he had heard the allies were trying to arrest Rademacher.

"Therefore I considered it my duty as a German to help him escape," he said.—U.P.I.

Texas Yields

Washington, Jan. 7.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Democrat-Texas) today finally conceded the title of "biggest state" to Alaska.

In opening session ceremonies just after the two new Alaskan senators had taken their oath of office, Johnson rose to address the chair.

"Mr. President, as Senator from the largest state of the union," he began. He paused, and then added amid laughter, "south of the North Pole..." —U.P.I.

German Planes Now In Nato

Bonn, Jan. 7.

The West German Government has turned over two squadrons of fighter-bombers and one squadron of transport planes to Nato, the Defence Ministry announced today.

The fighter-bomber squadrons consist of American "F-84" planes and the transport squadron of 10 French "Noratlas" planes.—France-Press.

Danny In New Film

Paris, Jan. 7.

American film comedian, Danny Kaye, said today that he will play the lead in "Bambino Kid," which is to be produced in Japan, beginning in February, by Mel Frank.

The story deals with the adventures of an actor who goes to Japan to play a role in a film.—France-Press.

X-15's Pilot Will Make Space Bid In June

Karachi, Jan. 7.
The American X-15, a rocket-powered research aircraft, would make its first attempt to break into space in June, Air Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley, Commander-in-Chief of the RAF training command, said today.

Speaking to students of the Air Force Training College, he said a team of U.S. pilots would attempt to break into space, circumnavigate the globe, and re-enter the earth's atmosphere.

He added: "I have no doubt that sooner or later they (the Americans) will succeed in this task, ambitious as it may seem to us."

(Earlier this year at the RAF college at Cranwell, he said such a flight would make the so-called ultimate weapon, the ballistic missile, as "un-ultimate and dated as all its predecessors.")

The Air Marshal, who has been in Karachi for the opening of the Air College was speak-

ing before taking off for London.

The X-15 is designed to reach an altitude of more than 100 miles and a speed of more than 3,000 mph — one mile per second.

Designed for purely research purposes, it carries 1,300 pounds of instruments for measuring temperatures, pressures, weightlessness, and the reactions of the pilot and the aircraft to the controls.—Reuters.

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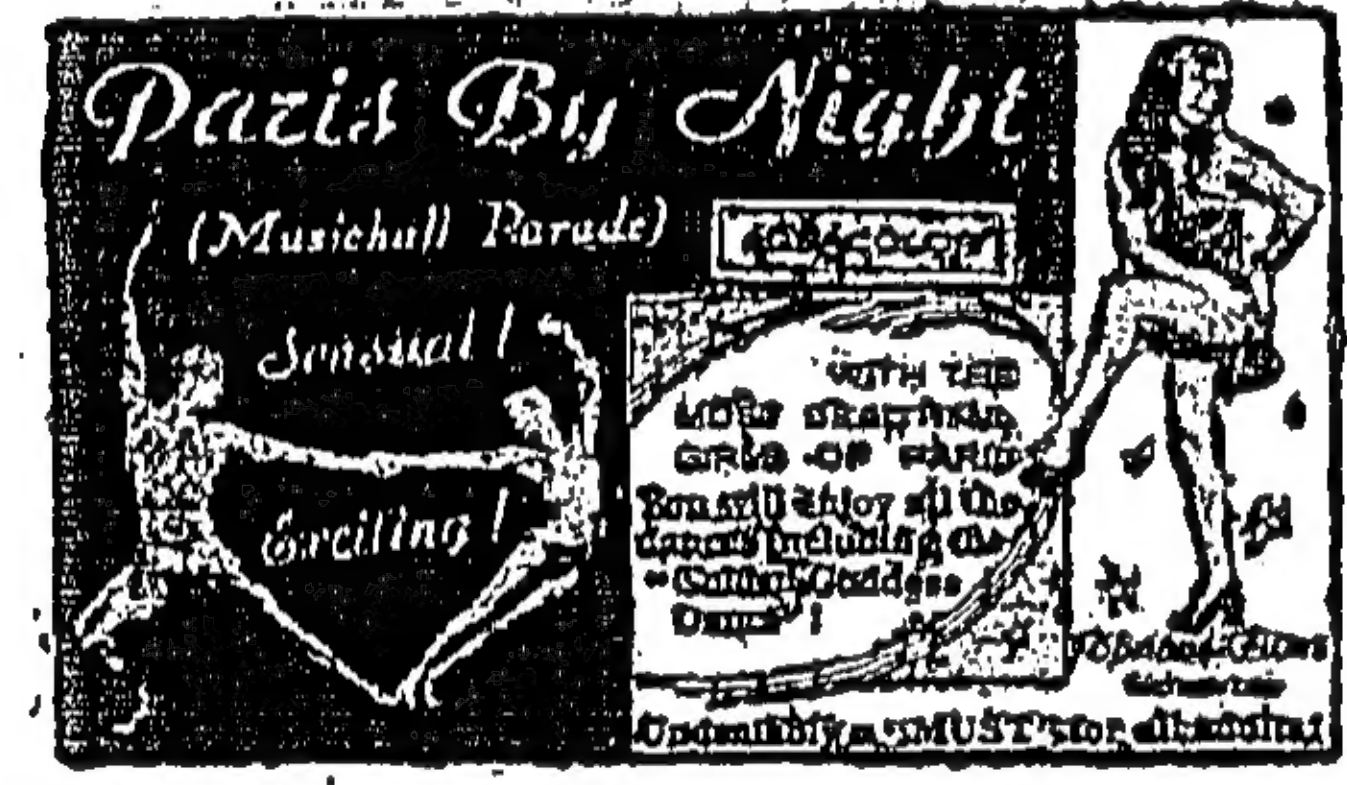
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Firemen Find Tragedy In Straw

Hobart, Jan. 7. Firemen, called to put out a fire smouldering in a discarded sheep pen at West Ulverstone, Tasmania, found the bodies of three young children burnt beyond recognition in the charred straw.

A resident of a house near the show grounds called the fire brigade when smoke was seen rising from the grounds. The firemen found that a hurdle had been pulled across the top of the pen to form a closed "house" where the children are believed to have been playing.

Fumes from a partly burnt motor car (the tube found in the pen) are believed to have asphyxiated the children.

"Terrible Shock"

After an appeal to parents in the area to check the whereabouts of their children and report any missing to the police, the children were identified as Carol Dawn Colgrave, 10, her brother Edwin Clifford Colgrave, 8, and Colin Hayes, 9.

The superintendent of the fire brigade Mr. Jack Shadbolt said the fire had been burning for some time when the firemen arrived and they extinguished it in five minutes. "We got a terrible shock when we found the bodies of the children in the straw," China Mail Special.

Conscience

Bonn, Jan. 7. Dr. Adolf Arndt, secretary of the West German Social Democratic Party, said today that nobody should be ordered to handle atom weapons of mass destruction, even for training purposes, against his conscience. —Reuter.

Poles Return

Warsaw, Jan. 7. Some 224,000 Poles have been repatriated from the Soviet Union since the signing in Moscow in November, 1956 of the Soviet-Polish repatriation agreement. It was officially announced today in Warsaw. —France-Press.

Farm, Tax Policies Bring Complaints From Supporters

Paris, Jan. 7.

The National Assembly's second-biggest party, the conservative Independents and Peasants, today expressed discontent with Premier De Gaulle's sweeping new financial and economic measures.

The party expressed anxiety over the new measures even though they were drawn up by the party's honorary chairman, Finance Minister Antoine Pinay, who recently left the party.

The Independents and Peasants parliamentary group sternly criticised the government's new policy on farm prices, social security and taxation according to "external signs of wealth."

Chairman Roger Duchet said: "Pinay would not attend its next meeting or 'later ones'." The Independents were expected with the U.N.R. to be a mainstay of the next government majority so their criticism was expected to have more effect than that of the Socialists, who have officially entered the opposition, or labour unions.

The Union, Communist, Socialist, and Catholic alike, have been disturbed by the financial programme but do not seem ready yet to make



De Gaulle

Rumblings?

an all-out struggle against the government. The Independents' criticism was regarded as a warning shot on the eve of the formation of the first Cabinet of the Fifth Republic to show that parliamentary opinion must not be ignored as it was in the transition period between republics.

Cabinet Safe

But that light flurry was not expected to affect formation of the first Cabinet or pressure the party's refusal to support the government in Parliament.

Miler's Son Christened



Four-minute miler Roger Bannister holds his two-year-old daughter Erin while his wife Moyra carries their baby son who had just been christened Clive Christopher Roger, at All Souls', Langham Place, London, on January 3.

With them are the rector, the Reverend J. R. W. Stott, godmother Mrs. Carol McWhirter and godfathers Chris Brasher (wearing spectacles) and Chris Chataway, the athletes who are both newly engaged. —Reuterphoto.

Malayan War Play Gets Big Reception

London, Jan. 7. A new war play, set in the Malayan jungle in 1942 before the fall of Singapore, and entitled "The Long And The Short And The Tall" was given an enthusiastic reception at the Royal Court Theatre tonight.

The 29-year-old author, Willis Hall — one of the young hopes of British drama — shows a British patrol of six who have sought shelter in a jungle hut. After capturing a Japanese scout, they realise that they are cut off from their base by an enemy thrust.

Soon it becomes obvious that if they want to attempt to return to their lines, they cannot run the risk of betrayal by leaving the prisoner behind alive. The drama turns on their reactions of the British soldiers to the problem.

There are those who see in the Japanese the family man caught like themselves in the maelstrom of war and cannot bring themselves to condone what appears to them plain murder. There is the sergeant who, having to forget his humanity for the stark reality of the moment, decides that the prisoner must die so that his men may live.

In the end the prisoner is killed by a soldier who panics but the patrol is mowed down by the enemy as it leaves the hut and the curtain falls as the most insensitive of the soldiers staggers in to raise the white flag of surrender. Mr. Hall does not pull any punches in stripping war of all romanticism.

Tension

He knows, too, how to build up dramatic tension. The play is skillfully acted by an excellent cast.

The Japanese prisoner, who expresses himself only by gestures, is played by Kenji Takaki, a Japanese who took British nationality 20 years ago.

While serving in the British Merchant Navy during the last war, he was captured by the Germans and remained a prisoner for four years.

Willis Hall did his military service in Malaya where he wrote scripts for the Chinese School Department of Radio Malaya. —Reuter.

Riot Leader Taken

Brussels, Jan. 7. Joseph Kasavubu, believed to be one of the leaders of the recent Belgian Congo riots, today gave himself up to the police at Kalamu, the Belgian Congo news agency reported tonight. —France-Press.

Sloppy Joe Falls Into His Final Sleep

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 7. William J. (Sloppy Joe) Bellinger, too "sleepy" to be tried recently as an alleged lottery kingpin, went to sleep for good today.

He died of a heart attack aged 42. Bellinger, 425-pound Negro, was excused from trial on gambling charges a month ago because he would fall asleep every time lawyers tried to ask him questions. Both a defence and a court-appointed doctor confirmed this. Bellinger, they said, had a classic case of Pickwickian syndrome. The Solicitor General's office had the case rescheduled for January 15, saying Bellinger would be tried, whether awake or not.

The doctors said Pickwickian syndrome, a newly recognised malady of the extremely fat, is a case where a person tends to "drown" in his own carbon dioxide because his body is too big for his lungs — especially when under stress. It is named after the fictional Joe in Dickens' "Pickwick Papers," who had a drowsy tendency. Bellinger, a "Robin Hood" of Savannah's Negro community, died in a hospital which he had made a favourite object of his many charities. —U.P.

DRAGONS IN NEW MUSEUM

Peking, Jan. 8. A new Central Museum of Natural Science will contain models of three ancient dragons from 42½ feet to 16½ feet long.

The museum, built in the Chinese capital's Street of the Heavenly Bridge, will show how creatures developed from primitive times to the present, reported the Peking Evening News.

The central hall of the museum covers about 840 square yards and it has two wings which together occupy about 1,800 square yards.

The newspaper said a group of experts from the museum earlier this year discovered fossils of a primitive dragon, about 21 feet 9 inches long and 10 feet tall, in the Lai Yang Hsien district of Shantung Province on China's northeast coast. Scientists estimated the animal must have lived about 70 million years ago, the newspaper said. —Reuter.

Gold Hunters' Dream Blasted

Utrecht, Jan. 7. A gold diggers' dream was shattered for more than 3,000 Dutchmen here today when they were told that 450,000 guilders (about £45,000) they invested in a bid to salvage bullion from a sunken ship had been spent in vain.

Five years ago they put their money in a co-operative company with the aim of recovering 404 boxes of gold, silver and gems, valued at 72 million guilders (about £7,200,000) from the bottom of the North Sea. The gems were said to have gone down with the German freighter Kenna Loeuhardt when she was torpedoed in 60 feet of water by a British sub-

marine off the Dutch coast in 1917. At the suggestion of the company's president director Mr. Piet Visser, a 54-year-old fruitgrower, the company invested 27,000 guilders (about £2,700,000) of its capital in a "floating salvage pit" which sank in the North Sea Canal before it could be towed to the wreck.

Mr. Visser told a liquidation meeting of the company today that not a penny of their capital was left. He still claims he can produce documents proving the freighter carried gold. But the Hamburg owners of the ship, the German Underwriters and a Rotterdam coal trading firm all say that the Kenna Loeuhardt's only cargo was coke. —Reuter.

British Cinemas Retain Anthem

London, Jan. 7. British cinemas are unlikely to change their policy of playing the national anthem at the end of a performance, as the Manchester Guardian suggested this week.

A spokesman for one of the big cinema chains, Associated British Cinemas, said today: "The mass of the people obviously want it. We are certainly not considering any change."

A spokesman for the Rank chain (Odeon and Gaumont) said they felt it was not only traditional but "right and proper" to play the anthem.

They did find some people began to collect their things during the playing of the anthem, but this had stopped since the cinema used colour films of the Queen at the coronation, troping the colour of some other state functions.

In the middle of December, the Manchester Guardian published a letter from a reader complaining that a young man at a Sheffield cinema asked him to excuse him so that he could make his way to the aisle while the anthem was being played.

Surprised

"His surprise was genuine" when I refused," the reader said. This, he said, could not have happened before 1939 and he wondered whether such men could help England win another war.

Other letters followed, some critical, others in support, culminating in one today urging that the anthem should be abolished anyway. The words were "broad and repellent" and the music "vicious and pretentious," this critic said. —China Mail Special.

RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

uncovers the biggest untold story since the war

SUEZ

This was the 3-day war that—

DIVIDED the world—and led Russia to threaten rocket retaliation on the West.

DIVIDED the Western Alliance and led to a temporary feud between the American administration and the British Government.

DIVIDED the country, regardless of party, more bitterly than at any time since Munich.

Even today the truth about this "police operation" is still obscured by passion and prejudice.

WHY was it launched? HOW near did it come to success?

WAS there collusion between the Israelis and the forces of intervention?

WAS Britain's Army really ready to undertake the task set it by the politicians?

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WHAT was the role of America?

WHY did the bold conception fail?

RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

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The Suez Story

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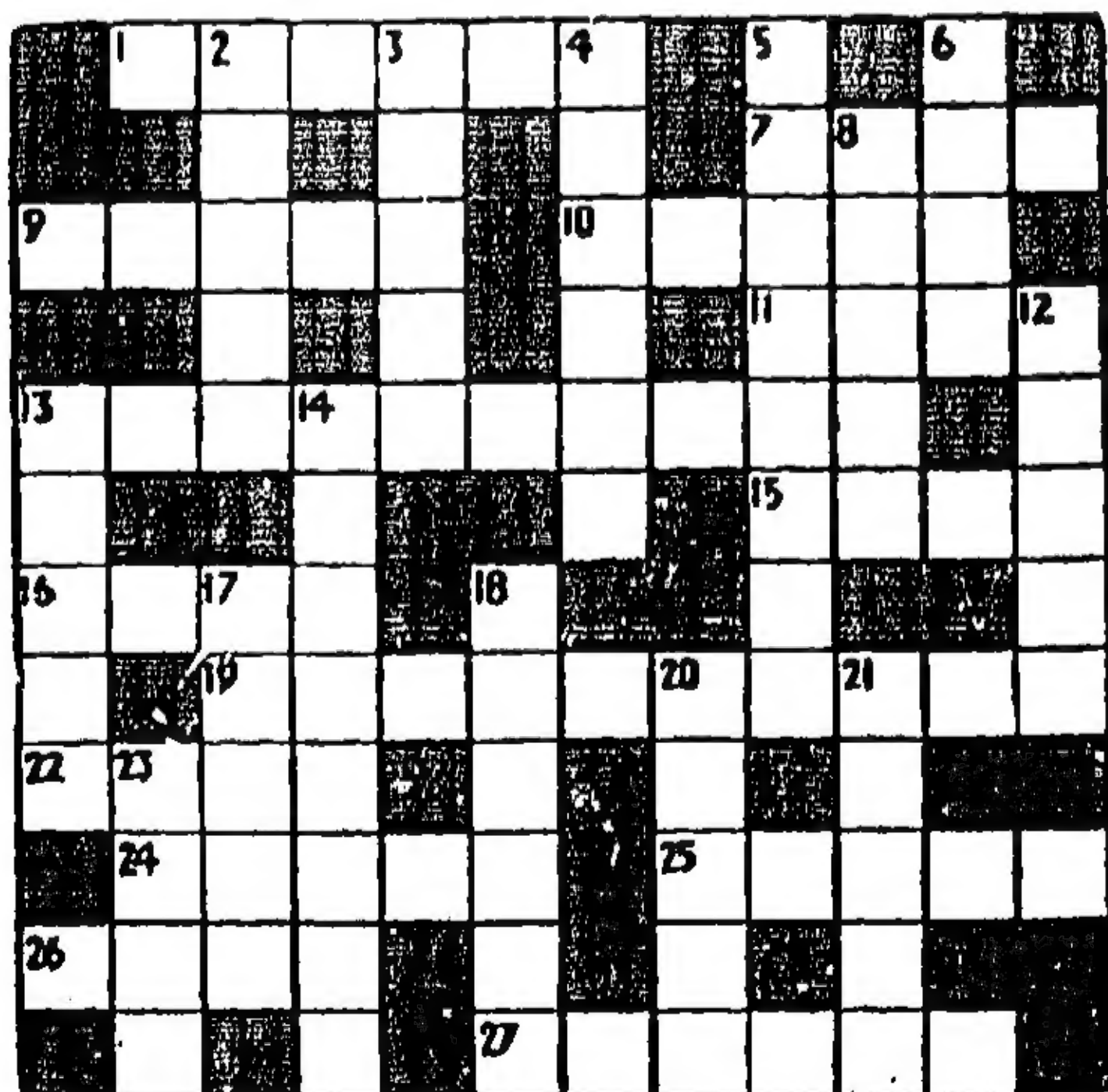
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CHINA MAIL

on Saturday

In tomorrow's China Mail, Randolph Churchill explains "Why I want to tell the Truth about Suez now."

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Sudden cry—windy! (6).
- 7 Miss who regrets (4).
- 9 Huntress (6).
- 10 He picks winners (5).
- 11 Bitter-sweet (4).
- 12 Marriage broker? (10).
- 13 The Forsyte story? Might be (4).
- 14 A vessel half open (4).
- 15 Control of the captain on the vessel (10).
- 16 Fall over on one's travels? (4).
- 17 Common practice (5).
- 18 In his business he makes some change (3).
- 19 Revolutionary music, as it were (4).
- 20 Poor in Paris, perhaps (5).

DOWN

- 2 It has eight gills (5).
- 3 A heavy blow will humble one, apparently (6).
- 4 Drift to be made up (6).
- 5 Study the big matches—what fights they are! (8).
- 6 Frontier row (4).
- 7 It may go to the head of a noble lady (5).
- 8 Vagrant merchantman? (5).
- 9 Intended to be rickshaws mainly (6).
- 10 Shell of crab, etc (8).
- 11 Out of order (5).
- 12 Revolving follow! (5).
- 13 He goes on foot (6).
- 14 Devastation (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Carol, 4. Scout, 7. Polish, 9. Aston, 10. Tote, 12. Har-Alt, 15. Inter-no, 16. Tent, 17. Lawn, 19. Sciff, 20. Specie-s, 21. Cram, 23. Heits, 24. Re-veal, 25. Flora, 26. Seeded. Down: 1. Capitane, 2. Relative, 3. Feet, 5. Comptie, 6. Utopia, 8. Paves, 11. Snake bar, 12. Resect, 13. De-land, 14. Trampled, 18. Appeal, 22. Hele.

Four Cinderellas



Cinderellas both are ballerinas Margot Fonteyn (left) and Svetlana Beriosova, pictured during dress rehearsal of Frederick Ashton's ballet "Cinderella" at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London. Margot Fonteyn danced the title role on the first night.

Later, Svetlana Beriosova, Nadia Nerina and Anya Linden will each be dancing the title role in turn. —Reuterphoto.

So **THIS** Is Hollywood!

By Norman King



Mr and Mrs Cary Grant

"Well, what do you think of this movie-making business? Doesn't it bore you to death?"

The question came from Cary Grant, whom I found waiting around for a call at the Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer studios. He is playing the lead in a new Hitchcock thriller.

I could see why working with Alfred Hitchcock might be tedious at times for the actors.

These wonderful films, which on the screen have all the suspense of a ticking time-bomb, are achieved by dint of tremendous patience. Every shot must be absolutely right before Hitchcock starts shooting. Time, it seems, is no object.

But I wasn't bored to death. It is difficult, in fact, to understand how boredom can exist at all in this sprawling community, unless it be as a reaction to an unparalleled pace of living.

The city of Los Angeles itself occupies 455 square miles, and spills over unobscuredly into neighboring communities to produce a metropolis of at least twice that area.

A star outwards instead of upwards has been accelerated by an only recently modified ordinance forbidding buildings of more than twelve storeys, because of earthquake danger.

One usually seems to be, at least ten miles from where one wants to be next. And the only answer to living in such a situation is the motor car.

Last year there were 2,737,530 cars registered in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. That figure is equivalent to one per family, with more than half-a-million left over.

In the lush hour one would swear that they are all out at once, and even the new six-lane

and eight-lane motor "freeways," built specially to cope with the traffic problem, are jammed at peak periods.

Such a state of affairs belies the tremendous wealth. In fact the per capita income here is 25 per cent more than the United States average.

And though Los Angeles still ranks only third among U.S. cities in terms of population, behind New York and Chicago, the retail sales from its shops are now ahead of the Chicago figures, and still soaring.

Los Angeles may not live up to its name—"City of the Angels." The 32,000 marriages in Los Angeles County last year were almost matched by the 31,000 divorces. But it is certainly an El Dorado. Though only a few thousand dollars' worth of actual gold are produced each year, it is a place where one can literally strike oil in one's back garden.

Even in the middle of one of the best Hollywood film lots, twenty oil wells are producing day and night. And on the fabulous Signal Hill at Long Beach, the number of derricks runs into hundreds.

Annual production of petroleum in the area is valued at about 250,000,000 dollars—and practically all of it goes to satisfy the community's own needs. The export of petroleum products from local refineries is just about balanced by additional crude petroleum from outside.

Other industries are many and varied. In average production, for instance, Los Angeles leads the United States. At the Douglas plant at Long Beach, I watched work in progress on the new all-aluminium jet-engined DC-8s, due to go into service towards the end of this year.

These tremendous planes will be able to carry about 130 passengers at jet speeds over ranges up to 5,000 or 6,500 miles. As I examined the construction of the fuselage, designed for stratospheric heights, my guide freely offered the comment that the company's designers owed a very great deal to the British Comet.

Tomorrow:

CARVED FROM THE DESERT

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"This is our finest hour! At long last we've got the chance of asking 'And what exactly is a—er—hoop!'"

NEW YORK



MISS HORNSBY-SMITH: IT'S ABSURD

MISS PATRICIA HORNSBY-SMITH, who has been decorating the New York scene, is always doing some marathon work in the United Nations. Her hair flying, she strode across the crowded room of a cocktail party I dropped into and bore down on me.

"Very upset by some London has been given of the things which have the impression that it's appeared in the British Press. Bone to pick sure. You know no one with them, with you. could have worked harder [this is true]. Please straighten it out."

I explained that I had not written a line about her and was not responsible for other people's dispatches. Miss Hornsby-Smith, mollified, continued her monologue:

ROUND-UP

GOOD SOLDIERS?

A TERRITORIAL Army unit at Sidcup, Kent, hopes to persuade Teddy Boys to exchange their drain-pipe trousers and Italian-style shoes for khaki uniforms and blunk boots. "There is no doubt about it. Teddy Boys make good soldiers," said Major A. W. George, who commands "P" Battery of the 458 (Kent) Light A. A. Regiment, based at Sidcup. "If you put them in uniform they become obedient and well-disciplined," said the Major. "It gives them an important interest in life and they have all the comradeship they are obviously looking for in Teddy Boy gangs." Local "Teddies" are drawn into the unit by word of mouth. One or two enlist, then tell their friends that they like it. "Recruiting is going well for the battery," said Major George.

WEEK-END AIR BOYS

ALL the 50 Chipmunk two-seater light planes allotted by the Air Ministry to the Air Training Corps are now in use. In good weather at week-ends, they each average ten flights of 30 minutes a day, which will increase as the days lengthen. Biggin Hill, Kent, with ten machines, has the largest flight. Others are centred in Southern England, at Hamble, Hampshire, Filton, Bristol, Exeter, Devon, White Waltham, Berkshire and Cambridge. All pilots are members of the R.A.F.V.R. Most of them were four time pilots, with the R.A.F. or the Royal Auxiliary Air Force. The flights are primarily to give flying experience to the cadets who wear parachutes, and are briefed on emergency drill.

BOUNCING CADETS

N.O. 11 (Brooklands) Air Training Corps Squadron, of the Surrey Wing, wanted a trampoline—a bed-like frame of sprung canvas from which athletes or comedians bounce high. But the cost—nearly £200—was more than they could afford. So, under Flight Lieutenant M. May, their C.O., they set to work to make one for £30. The P.T. instructor C. Harris, learned trampolining in the R.A.F. He, with the C.O. and the adjutant, Pilot Officer John Muford, train the boys, who have reached such proficiency that they have formed a display team.

TRADE FERRY

A FORMER landing craft, the 4,262-ton Empire Shearwater, which arrives at Dover this month has been converted to carry ready laden lorries between Dover and Calais, and is expected to begin operating this month. The ferry means that imports and exports from England and the Continent can travel by road direct from maker to distributor without other handling. Delivery times will be speeded and costs cut. And cargo traffic through Dover—already the world's busiest passenger port—will increase. Last year nearly 100,000 tons of cargo were handled—seven per cent more than the year before. The Empire Shearwater can carry up to 50 lorries.

DOCKERS TO OLYMPICS

BERMONDSEY, London, dockers are planning to spend a fortnight at the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960. The Surrey Dock Social Welfare Association have been asked by a number of their members to organise the trip—for two weeks in August or September. While the association is trying to cost the trip the dockers have been advised to join a savings group.

HARRY ODELL

PRESENTS

LE THEATRE D'ART DU BALLET

AT THE

KING'S THEATRE

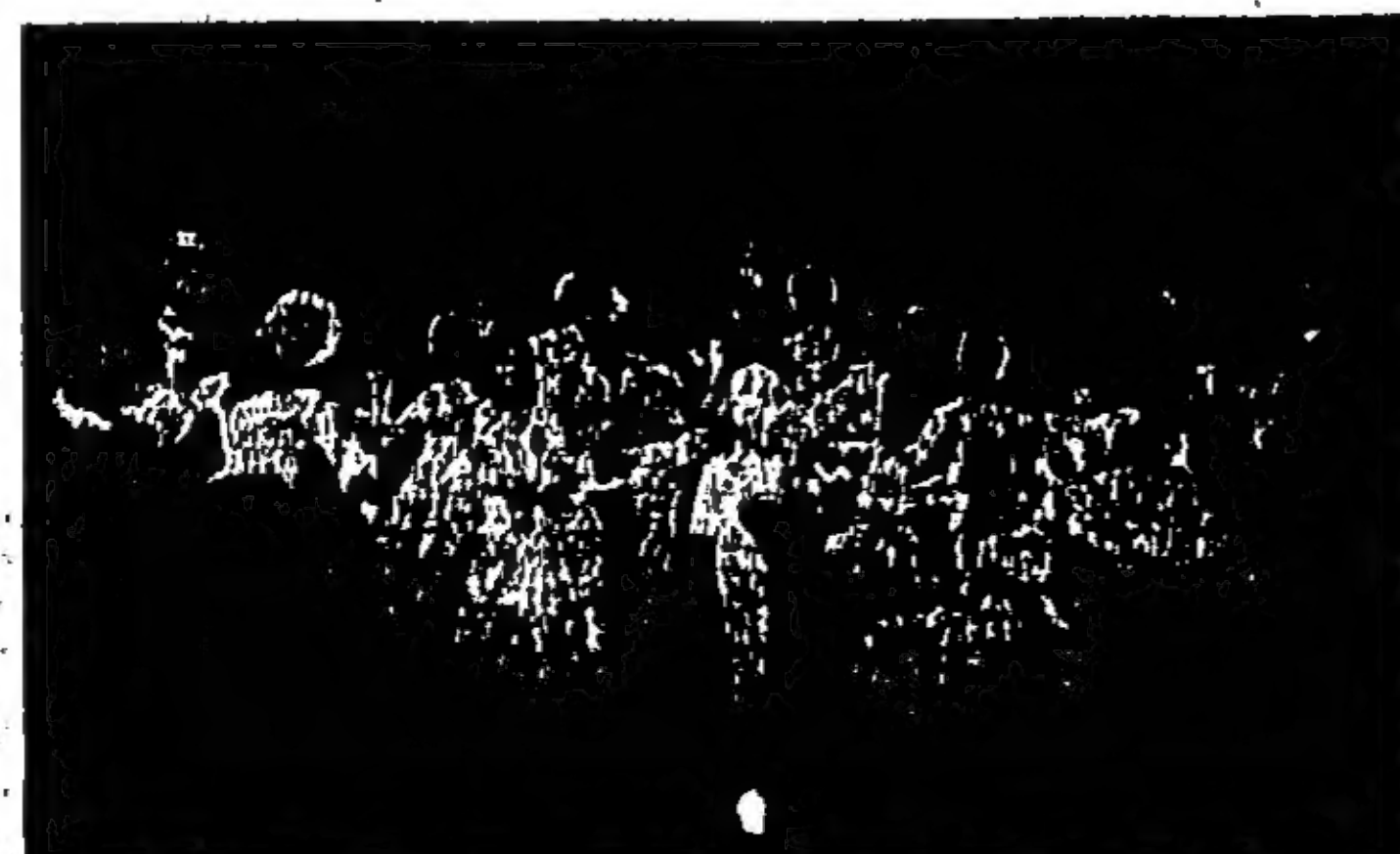
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NICOLAS KOPEKINE

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Louise Dobriljevic	Marie Petrov
Nico Lello	Any Dolbo
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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
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DON IDDON'S DIARY

TUESDAY

'I'm upset,' says Miss Pat

'OF COURSE BRITISH WOMEN

DO MORE FOR THE COUNTRY!

Justice of the United States Earl Warren, Mrs Warren, and their three honey-blonde, extremely photogenic daughters.

Warren's fight to implement his court's decision to permit coloured children to attend white schools is slowly being won as the segregationists grimly give ground. All appeals, diversions, manoeuvres have been rejected by Chief Justice Warren and his eight colleagues on the Supreme Bench.

Denounced as a "pinko" by the die-hard right, Warren has achieved such a success as a great judge and enlightened Liberal that several members of the Republican high command are trying to persuade him to run for the Presidency as did Charles Evans Hughes, another Chief Justice.

It is known that the Republican Party would prefer Eisenhower's successor to be Warren rather than Nixon, despite the

Warren...

It should be an interesting 1959 for Chief

Vice-President's success in London.

"Apart from Warren, all the others—Nixon and Rockefeller for the Republicans and Humphrey and Kennedy for the Democrats—look like Vice-Presidents, not Presidents, to me," Bernard Baruch said this week. The Democrats, knowing what a formidable candidate Warren would make, are saying: "Earl should not step down from the Bench." They are also saying: "We might be able to lick Warren, but how could we lick that family?"

They mean the three Warren daughters—the Californian princesses Virginia, Dorothy, and Nina, who are worth several hundred thousand votes, perhaps more, to their father.

Two of the daughters are married—Dorothy to Dr Carmin Clemente and Nina to Dr Stuart Brien. The engagement of the third daughter, Virginia, is expected to be announced soon.

Nina, known to everybody as "Honey Bear" Warren, has completely recovered from the polio which crippled her a few years ago. She has thrown away her crutches.

The girls would like to see their father President of the United States, but Warren seems unmoved by the pleas of his friends or the persuasions of his family.

Sheet Anchor

HE recently wrote to a nephew who had urged him to try for the Presidency: "The court is now looked upon as the sheet anchor. Will it be if its Chief Justice is placed in the political whirlpool?"

"The office has come down to me covered with honour. When I accepted it my duty was not to make it a stepping-stone to something else, but to preserve its purity and make my name as honourable as possible as my predecessors."

Chief Justice Warren has certainly done this. This big, smiling, gregarious man, three times Governor of California, long-time lawyer who ran for the Vice-Presidency ten years ago, has been lured into politics again.

He became world-famous not overnight but in just 28 minutes, when he handed down the decision that coloured children should be permitted to attend white schools.

Now he is adamant that the decision should be carried out however fiercely the South shouts "No."

IT'S SO EASY TO GET YOUR FINGERS BURNED

In this tricky business of buying art

By

DAVID CARRITT

DURING the past few years pictures have become as popular a form of investment as Standard Oil. The general level of prices has never been higher, even in the great days of Lord Duveen. Pictures of almost every type and period sell well.

The chances of getting a sale-room bargain have become infinitesimal. And pictures

bought only a few months ago for high prices today sell for even higher.

In 1902 one of Sir Laurence Alma-Tadema's frigid fancy-dress pieces entitled *A Dedication to Bacchus* was sold for £5,080. Today it would be worth one-tenth of that sum. Collectors like Cornelius Vanderbilt would pay up to £20,000 for a landscape by Theodore Rousseau.

Last week at Sotheby's an important large Rousseau was sold for £250. A few Victorian and Baroque pictures may still be worth thousands, but only the finest. The rest are simply a drug on the market.

Everything encourages the collector to regard his pictures as a bulwark against inflation. Rubens and Tiepolo sketches, Impressionists and Post-Impressionists, Dutch and English, landscapes—the sale-room prices for all these have soared since the war.

And so far there has been no sign of them sinking. I should like to believe that all the rich men now investing in pictures stand to gain by their purchases. But looking back over sale-room prices during the past 60 years, I can see no grounds for such optimism.

On the contrary, the sale-room proves that only a handful of supremely great masters are immune from the vagrant fashion and the stock market.

At the turn of this century, English and American millionaires competed as eagerly for paintings by Victorian and Barbizon School masters as they did for Rembrandts.

In the twenties, 18th century English portraits cost up to £100,000 apiece. Not only Dutchesses by Gainsborough who was a painter of genius, but elegant insipidities by others like Hoppner, were sought after as eagerly as Cezanne's today. The reason was sociological, not artistic.

The Americans envied our aristocracy. Its ancestors, and derived a snobbish satisfaction from hanging their walls with ancestral portraits acquired from needy, or merely greedy, English noblemen.

Now that the American rich have become an independent aristocracy, they no longer feel the need for such things. Which means that British collectors can once again buy English portraits for reasonable sums.

For instance a splendid family group by Romney was sold at Sotheby's last week for £3,400.

Collectors who imagine that the works of more recent artists are bound to appreciate in value would do well to remember the pictures from Sargent's studio, sold after his death in 1925. Sargent was then considered a major genius, the equal of Manet and Velasquez.

Lord Duveen paid over £3,000 for a small view of the Vatican, and, stranger still, Agnew's paid £1,995 for a Sargent copy after Velasquez.

Today only a few of Sargent's portraits are admired, and then for their technical dexterity.

The risk

Every day we read of sensational increases in value; for instance, that a Vlamnick landscape sold for £14 in 1912 has been resold for £5,400.

Of the sensational decreases we hear almost nothing. Sargent's View of the Vatican would probably slip through the sale-room unnoticed.

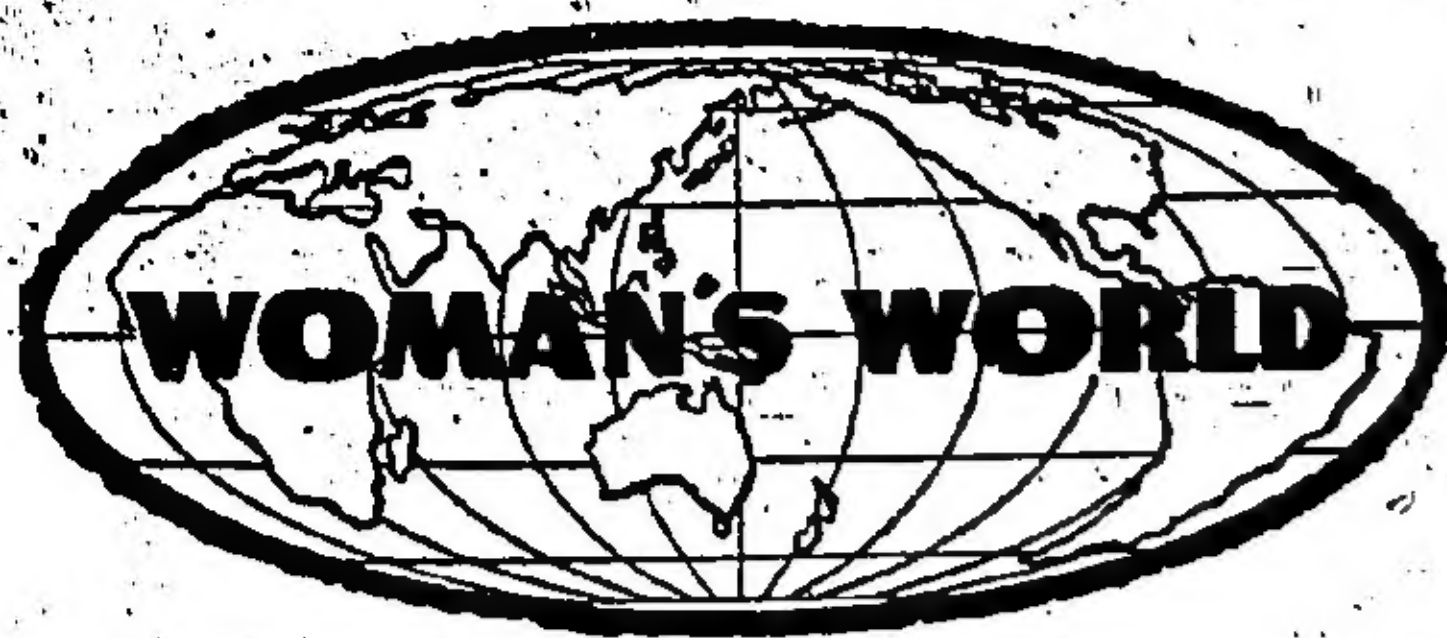
The owner of the Vlamnick, Clive Bell, was interested in pictures, not in money. Collectors of his calibre are bound to do well.

But the army of snobbish painters who battle for the fashionable painters' mag well be in for some bitter disappointments. If ever there should be a financial depression, who will want to relapse from their debt to relapse from their debt?

—London Evening Standard

WOMANSENSE

WISHING FOR A LEAN NEW YEAR?



FOOLED THE DOCTORS

Denver. Christian churches in every state except Mississippi and the New England states. Two are in Canada, there is one in Panama and one in the Philippine Islands.

All are landscapes and most reflect the geographical features of the location where they hang—mountains in Colorado, plains and pine-covered sand hills in Texas and the Southwest, tropical flowers in Balboa, Panama.

For locations she's never seen, she uses a scene of the Jordan River, working from colored slides.

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Once the word got around about Mrs. Perry's paintings—all 212 have been donated to the church—she was deluged with requests. "I had to tell them I had retired, for this year, at least," she says.

But next year may be different. It's pretty hard to retire, especially 34 years after you've been given two months to live.

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If you can keep your waistline while all about are losing theirs, then a happier New Year is in store for you.

Chew on this new twist to Kipling if you are one of the millions who must battle bulges during the New Year, as in the old.

You can't resolve to be anti-social and sit in a corner at parties and festive dinners. But every time you open that mouth to talk, seems the hostess insists on popping some calorie-laden thing into it.

Play down foods which add inches at a gallop. Substitute others with fewer calories. Every munch counts in this waistline war.

For the main course, avoid fatty meats—pork, duck, goose or ham. Choose roast beef, turkey or chicken—sans sweet and fattening sauces.

Leave the drum sticks for children. White meat is lower in calories than dark.

There's less to be "gained" from seasonal dishes such as cranberry sauce and chestnuts than from candied yams—dripping in calories.

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Cocktail hour and between-meal tidbitting can be calorie-cheap and delicious. Feast on boiled shrimp and lobster, crab meat or cysters.

You can conserve calories by switching to artificial sweeteners for coffee and tea. Maybe the hostess will serve low-calorie desserts too, to help you along.

Danger lurks in the dinner party that's way past the usual eating time. Hard-to-control hunger pangs may drag you—weak and helpless—to the refrigerator before it's time to start for the party.

To reinforce caloric control, check with a doctor about the use of appetite suppressants. A new one does not stimulate the central nervous system. Medical reports indicate it can be taken at night and does not disturb sleeping later on.

On the drinking side, remember that most cocktails run-over with calories. Dry red or white wine, mixed with soda water as a "spritzer" will last a long sipping time without supplying too many calories.—J.P.I.

—PATRICIA McCORMACK



Dinner Party For Four In A Small Apartment

THE Chef and I were seated on the long banquet, enjoying dinner at the Harwyn Club in New York City.

At my right sat two glamorous young women; at the Chef's left, a husband and wife—evidently of the young married set. Who could resist chatting with such pleasant-looking neighbors?

The young women, who proved to be court stenographers, had come from Bridgeport, Connecticut, for a weekend in town, including dinner at a restaurant where they were certain to see celebrities. And sure enough, a well-known band leader and a group of his friends were near us, enjoying baked fillet of sole.

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Cocktail hour and between-meal tidbitting can be calorie-cheap and delicious. Feast on boiled shrimp and lobster, crab meat or cysters.

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The 'Easy' Way To Dress



CHANEL, the darling of the 'thirties' staging a comeback in the 'fifties' (her seven-ties), has set a fashion that everyone of us will love to wear—the cardigan suit. So good for so many occasions, so "easy," so becoming. This one in jersey, with jacket lining and blouse of Paisley, is made in several wonderful colors, including a deep sapphire blue and the ever-popular coffee-cream. SUIT BY RIMA; FIGURE BY JOHN ADRIAN.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

There is a time and place for everything—even trumping your partner's trick.

East's three diamond overall was a nuisance bid designed to upset the enemy's communication. This time the bid had no effect as South was able to bid three hearts and North had a sound raise to four.

West opened his singleton diamond. The way the cards lay a trump opening would have been better but West was not clairvoyant.

South won the first diamond, led a club to dummy's ace and a spade from dummy. East played the three and South went up with the king only to see it lose to West's ace.

Now West led a trump and South won in dummy. A second spade lost to East's queen and East led the king of diamonds.

At this point West decided it was about time for him to trump his partner's trick. Obviously South was getting ready for a cross-ruff and a second trump lead would take away one ruffing trick.

Suiting the action to the thought, West ruffed and led his last trump. Now South had two trumps left in dummy but three losing cards in his own hand. He had to lose one trick and the contract.

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NORTH	
74	AK98
43	AJ982
WEST (D)	
AJ98	Q103
542	3
2	KQ10876
K10854	Q7
SOUTH	
K652	Q1076
A85	3
3	
North and South vulnerable	
West North East South	
Pass 1♠ 3♥ 3♥	
Pass 4♥ Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♦2	

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YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

BORN today, you are essentially a dreamer and your ambitions are vast. You are an independent as well as a well-developed person. You have the artistic temperament which developed from an early age. You have the artistic temperament which developed from an early age. You have the artistic temperament which developed from an early age.

Among those born on this date are: Augustus Thomas, playwright; Joe Foweraker, actor; William W. Gilchrist, composer; Nicholas Pevsner, architect; James Longstreet, general in the Confederate Army.

To find what the stars in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Make a good try at collecting a debt. You could use your own money. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are an industry, either as employer or employee, all should be smooth today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Business in general shows a good outlook so take advantage of the upturn now.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You may need to do some serious studying for examinations which are coming up.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Not the day for procrastination. Get an early start on an important job and finish it.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Romance can seem to be on the rocks today. Be patient with your loved one.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Try to find out what your own way rather than going to the top with a complaint.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—Just not your day! Control your feelings and be as cool as possible to keep the peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Employment conditions appear to be improving. Accept the status quo on the job you have.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Merlin's Magic Music

—He's Happiest When It Makes People Happy—

By MAX TRELL

Right behind Mr. Merlin came a whole parade of strange animals.

There was a Cow in a red uniform, blowing a horn.

There was a Sheep in a black coat, playing the bagpipes.

There were three Pigs, all playing flutes.

There was a big St. Bernard Dog, beating a drum.

The last one in the parade was an Elephant, blowing on a trombone.

"Halt!" shouted Mr. Merlin.

The whole parade of musical animals stopped in front of Knart and Hand.

"Mr. Merlin," said Hand, "where are you going?"

"Come along, and find out," said Mr. Merlin.

Hidden By Magic

So Knart and Hand joined the parade.

Mr. Merlin gave Hand a little drum. He gave Knart a fife.

Another lady heard the Sheep blowing his bagpipes, and was sure she heard the sound of pennies rolling down the sidewalk.

Everyone in town who heard Mr. Merlin's magical music thought they heard different things when they listened to the magical music.

Finally, Mr. Merlin, marched all his animals back home again. And now, he said to Knart and Hand, "what did you two think when you heard my fife while the three Pigs blew their flutes?"

"We thought," said Knart and Hand, "that we heard the sound of laughter from far, far away."

Music is a wonderful thing, said Mr. Merlin. It's sounds different to everyone who hears it. But you glad what it makes people happy?

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ON THE SOFTBALL SCENE

The Case Of The Lady And The Obstinate Team Manager

By "TIME OUT"

You would not be able to purchase a copy of "The Case of the Obstinate Manager" from any local bookseller. It is not a 'whodunit' in the strict sense of the word since the guilty party's identity is divulged to readers right from the start. It is, in fact the hitherto untold tale of a classic example of a deplorable mockery of the amateur spirit which we hear so much about in local softball. Believe me through unavoidable circumstances I was unable to give this my earlier attention but as the saying goes, better late than never so the usual forecasts take a back seat.

There are people in softball, players and team managers, coaches, and others alike who through timidity, ignorance of accepted procedure and even a misguided sense of good sportsmanship are powerless to right a wrong although the victims may have a strong case to put forward.

Such is the case with the young lady who still wishes to play softball for the University Club. Although signed up for the South China AA before the league got underway she subsequently had occasion to regret this affiliation with the Caroliners. We need not concern ourselves with the reasons for her switch of affections. Suffice to say that she OFFERED her services early in the season to a scarcely-pressed University team weak in one vital playing position which she could fill.

Unanswered

Thereupon on November 24, 1958 the University wanted to time in despatching a letter to South China, outlining the circumstances and requesting consideration of the player's release to enable her to transfer to the U before the expiry date, two weeks off.

A copy of the letter was passed on to the HK Softball Association. It went unanswered and two days before the deadline for transfers, December 7, 1958 the anxious U manager telephoned his counterpart in the South China team. He was informed that his letter had been received, no action was contemplated on it since South China considered it unethical to enquire of their players if they desired a move to other teams. I have no disagreement with this view since the player involved made no formal request for a release. Anyway at King's Park two days later the matter finally came to a head.

Amazing Statement

In the presence of both team managers the young lady was asked by the U if she still desired a transfer and the answer was "Yes." At this stage a very high official of the HKSA who was seated in the stands saw fit to join the conversation and having learned the circumstances then made an amazing statement. He expressed the opinion that in amateur sport it is not necessary to reply to all letters received. If one does not feel like it. Furthermore, he added it was purely for the individual concerned to decide whether or not this constituted a breach of etiquette.

Let me say this. I sincerely hope what he said is strictly his private opinion because considering his high position within the Association, if his words were intended as an official pronouncement he has no business to be connected with the governing body of the sport. The words are an insult to the intelligence and no right-thinking person will disagree with me when I say that purely as a common courtesy the U were ENTITLED to a written reply from South China favourable or otherwise. It would indeed lead to a sorry state of affairs if, assuming the gentleman is correct in his views, letters from the Association to teams, umpires, coaches, etc and vice versa found their way to the waste-paper basket and stayed unacknowledged and unanswered.

Refuse To Budge

Taking refuge behind the alleged discourtesy on the part of the lady player who through lack of knowledge in the matters saw fit to put through her request in an indirect manner, South China even now refuse to budge an inch.

At times of writing the lady is still on their roster despite her saying publicly that she wished to play for some other team. For my part I can see no earthly reason for them to bar the way. Softball is not a professional sport but South China are taking a professional stand in the matter. The Association cannot take it upon themselves to act unless a formal complaint is lodged against South China but who will make it?

The Council member who dares to take this up will have to face one of the "top brass" of the administration the same man who uttered these words. Will this councillor have the audacity and courage to follow up my words with action?

Unjustifiable

The finger of accusation is now pointed at South China for their unjustifiable behaviour which reflects very poorly on a club noted for its sportsmanship, particularly in softball circles where in many years of participation I have yet to find, until now, a single instance to erile them.

If the Association sticks firmly to the transfer rule you can consider the case closed. If it should choose to investigate the circumstances they will be surprised to find that on a technically a loophole does exist whereby the interests of justice will be served. So much for that, now for the week-end games.

Week-End Games

There are six matches down for decision with the Junior clash between the Cardinals and Cheyennes and the Senior game between South China and the Cheyennes stealing the spotlight. Tomorrow the Diamonds, fresh from their upset victory

over the Dodgers, take on the Austers and should entwine to victory.

Following this the 3.30 game has the Cards pitted against the Cheyennes. Both sides are presently playing softball more suited to the ladies' division but the Cards have an edge in the form of pitcher Sonny Machado. I'll stick my neck out and pick them to win this important one.

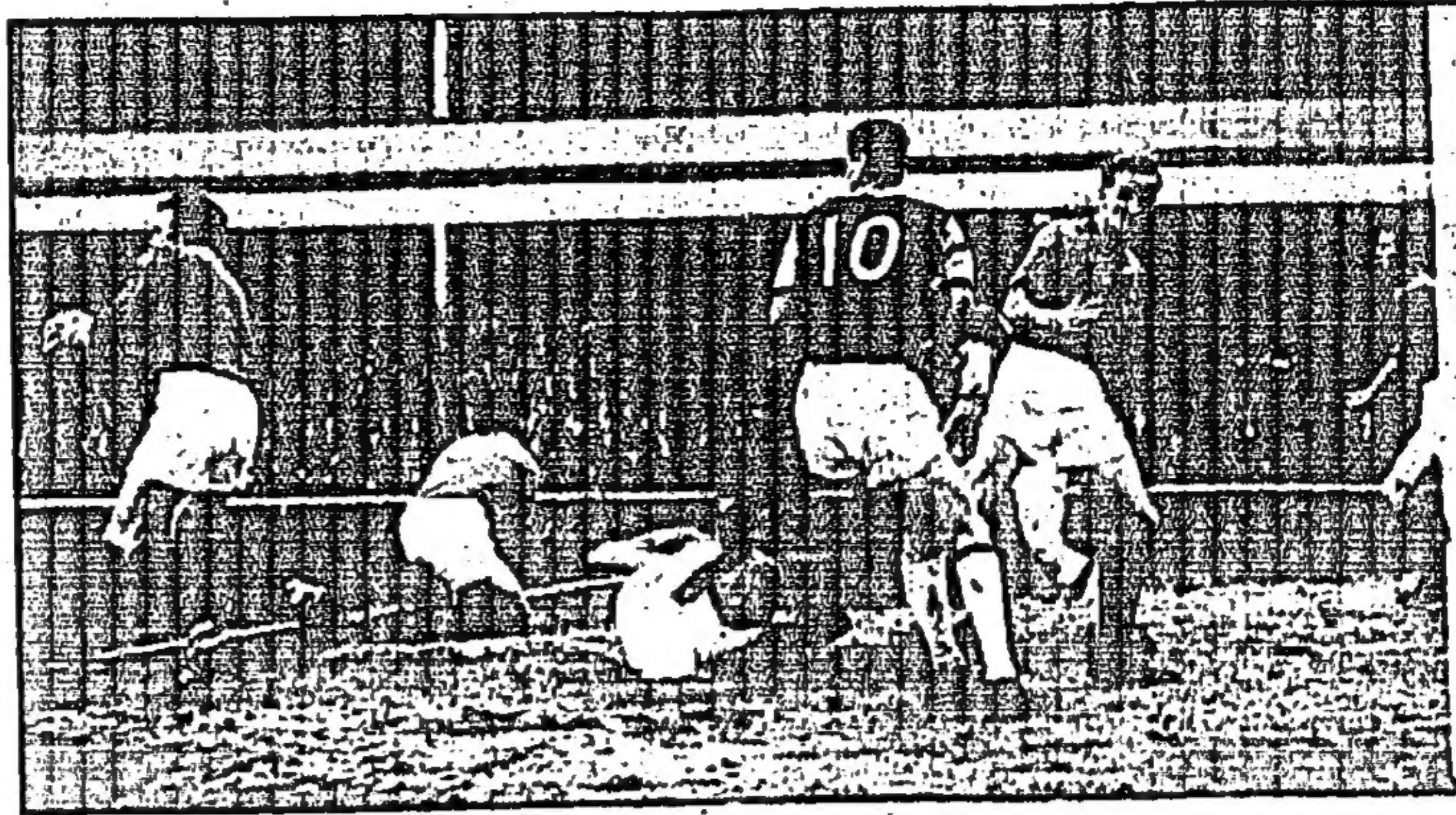
Sunday's proceedings get off to a bright early start when the Stardusts, on the slide after seven defeats in the last eight games, take on the Eagles. The latter should have too much batting power for the youngsters to pull off an upset victory.

Contenders Clash

At 11.00 a.m. the two pennant contenders of the Senior division Cheyennes and South China cross bats.

Take a peep at the league standings. By next week there should be a slight change in there as one side must lose—and it should be the Cheyennes if "Goose" Wong strikes form. The afternoon game at 2.00 p.m. features the lowly Pandas and the U.S. Navy. The sailors are a weak side and George Pang Jr. and Co are alleged to win this without too much trouble.

Left Gaping and Sprawling



Uprichard, the Portsmouth goalkeeper comes right out to save leaving Dick, the Hammers inside-left gaping at an empty net, and Smith, the Hammers left-half and Heywood, the Portsmouth centre-half sprawling on the ground.

The above photo is taken from the recent English first division league match between West Ham and Portsmouth which the Hammers won by 6-0. — Sport & General Photo.

To round off the day the Dodgers, my choice for the Junior title should continue on their winning ways as they play the University. Only the most incurable optimist would dare predict victory for the undergraduates.

League Standings

SENIOR LEAGUE				
	P	W	L	Pctge
Saints	7	5	2	.714
South China AA	7	5	2	.714
Draves	8	5	3	.625
Cheyennes	7	4	3	.571
Seminoles	8	3	5	.375
U.S. Navy	6	2	4	.333
Pandas	7	1	6	.143
JUNIOR LEAGUE				
Cheyennes	11	10	1	.909
Cardinals	11	9	2	.818
PI Dodgers	11	9	2	.818
Comets	11	7	4	.636
Diamonds	10	5	5	.500
Eagles	11	4	7	.364
Stardusts	11	4	7	.364
HK University	9	2	7	.222

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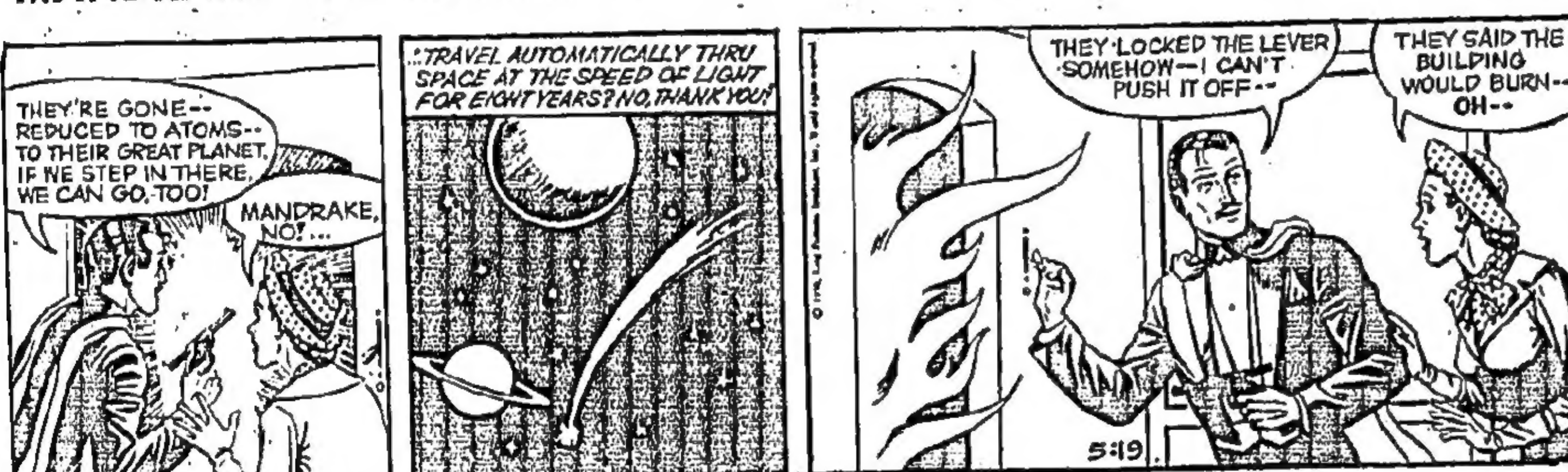
Innings Victory For MCC Team

Buenos Aires, Jan. 7. — The MCC amateur touring team beat the Argentine Cricket Association here today by an innings and 19 runs with only 25 minutes left for play.

Ian Bedford (Middlesex) took 10 wickets for 95 runs in the match. Wicketkeeper C. B. Howlands (Cambridge University) caught six batsmen and stump out two. — China Mail Special.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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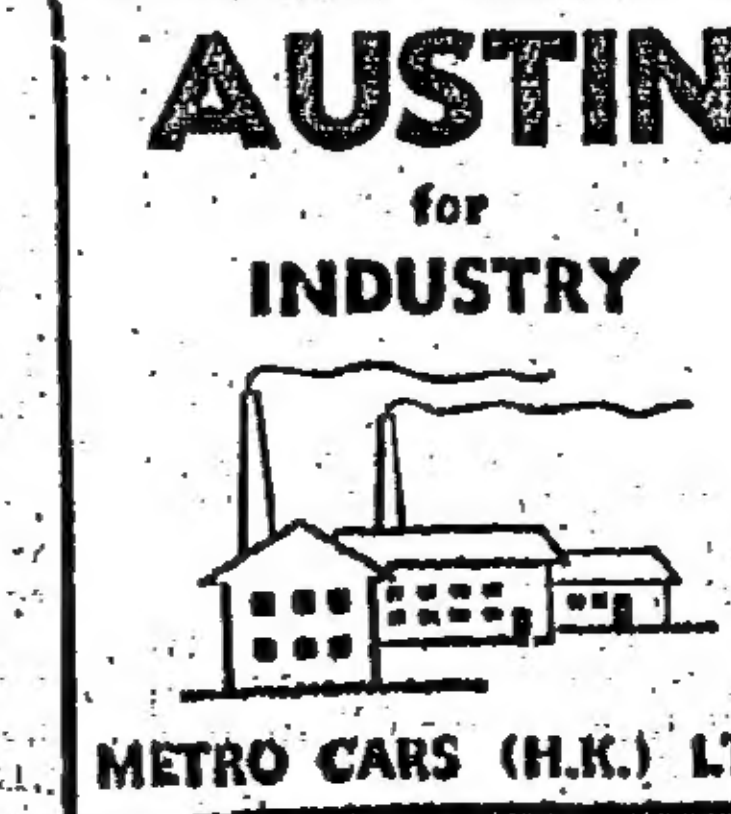
NANCY



BRICK BRADFORD



By Paul Norris



DRAW FOR WORLD BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Munich, Jan. 7.

The Philippines were drawn in group three against Uruguay, Puerto Rico and Bulgaria when the draw was made here today for the World Basketball Championships, to be held in Chile from January 16 to 31.

The International Basketball Association has set up its general secretariat in Munich, and is the first international sports organisation with headquarters in West Germany. Altogether there are 12 teams entered for the championship, which is divided into three groups.

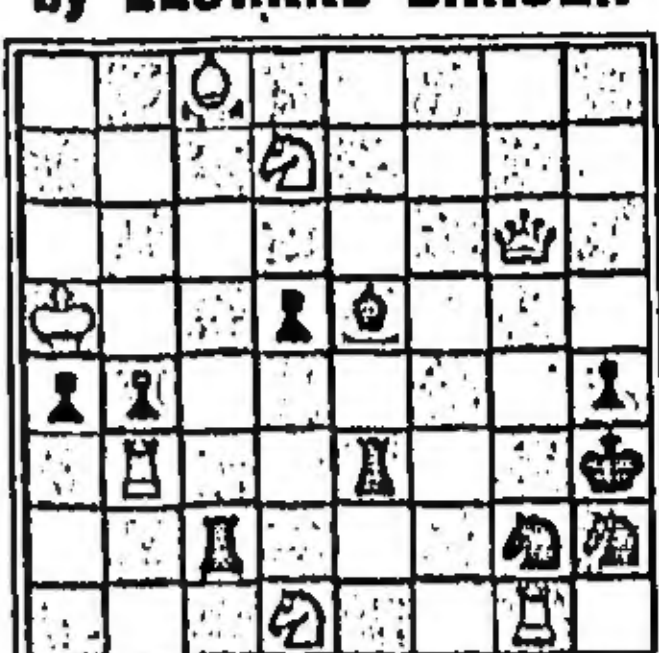
Group one is: United States, Taiwan, Argentina and the United Arab Republic. Group 2: Brazil, Soviet Union, Mexico and Canada. The best two teams in each of the three groups qualify for the final rounds.

The countries taking part are the first three in the last World Championships and in the Olympic Games, as well as representatives from each continent.

The United Arab Republic and Argentina were specially invited. — Reuters.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by H. V. Tuxen (Skakbladet, 1941). White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution No. 5542: 1 R-R4, QR-KB1 (R-R4); 2 P-R4 ch, K-R4; 3 R-R4, R-R4; 4 R-R4, K-R4; 5 R-R4, Resigns. — London Express Service.

LESTER PIGGOTT MAY FACE BREACH OF CONTRACT TRIAL

Capetown, Jan. 7.

Britain's "wonderboy" jockey, Lester Piggott, will face a trial for breach of contract if he does not return to Capetown in time to ride at the Milnerton track on Saturday.

This was revealed here today when Johannesburg promoter, Colin Eades, commented: "I intend to telephone his mother in England today. 'I will ask her to get in touch with Lester to tell him what will happen if he doesn't ride.'"

Left Unexpectedly

Piggott left Capetown unexpectedly on Monday, flew to Johannesburg then on to Rome, where he took another flight to Nice. Eades alleged that jockey

Piggott has only ridden seven of the 12 races for which he had contracts in South Africa. No clearcut reason for his decision has been given but it is

rumoured that he is dissatisfied with the quality of the mounts in this country in which he has not yet ridden a winner past the post. — France-Press.

'PROS ARE MORE SKILLED'

Melbourne, Jan. 7.

Wimbledon champion Ashley Cooper, beaten in his professional lawn tennis debut in Sydney yesterday, said here today he expected his game to improve "immeasurably". Speaking at a press reception,

Cooper said: "The only way to improve your tennis is to play opponents who are better than yourself. I think I had gone about as far as possible in the amateur ranks. Professional players are without a doubt, more skilled." — Reuters.

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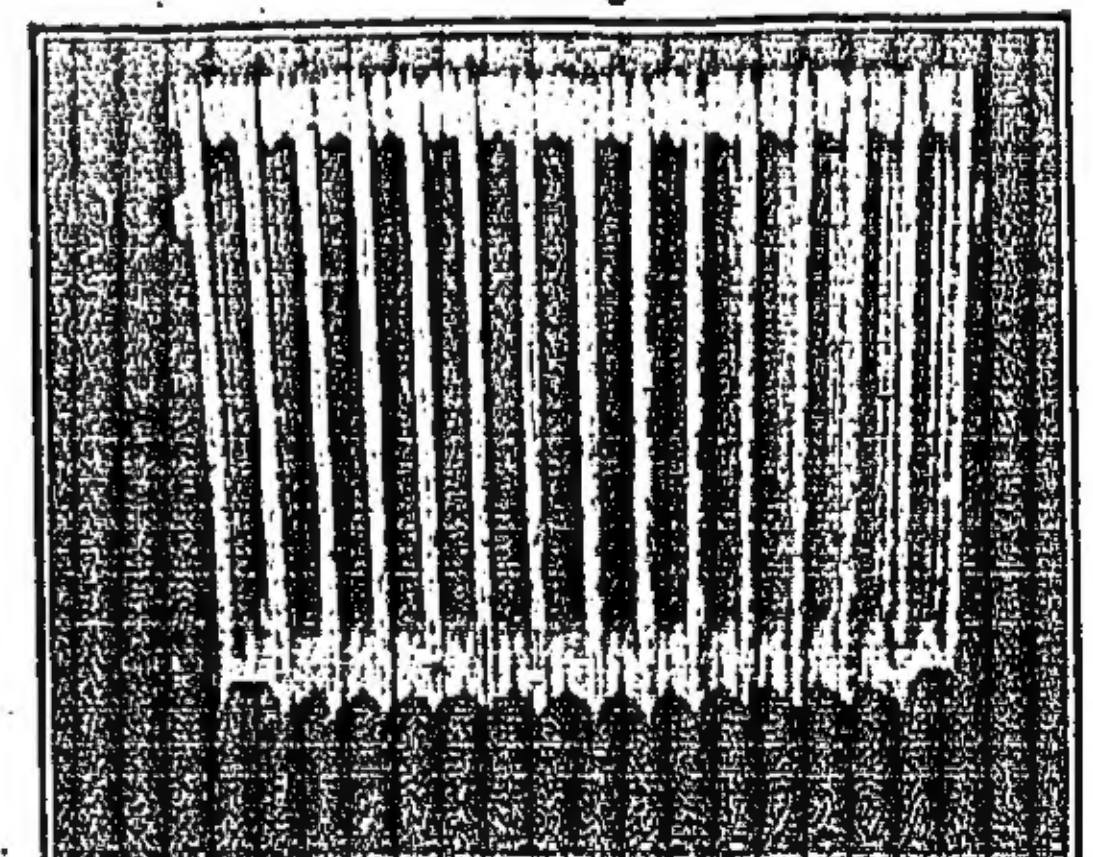
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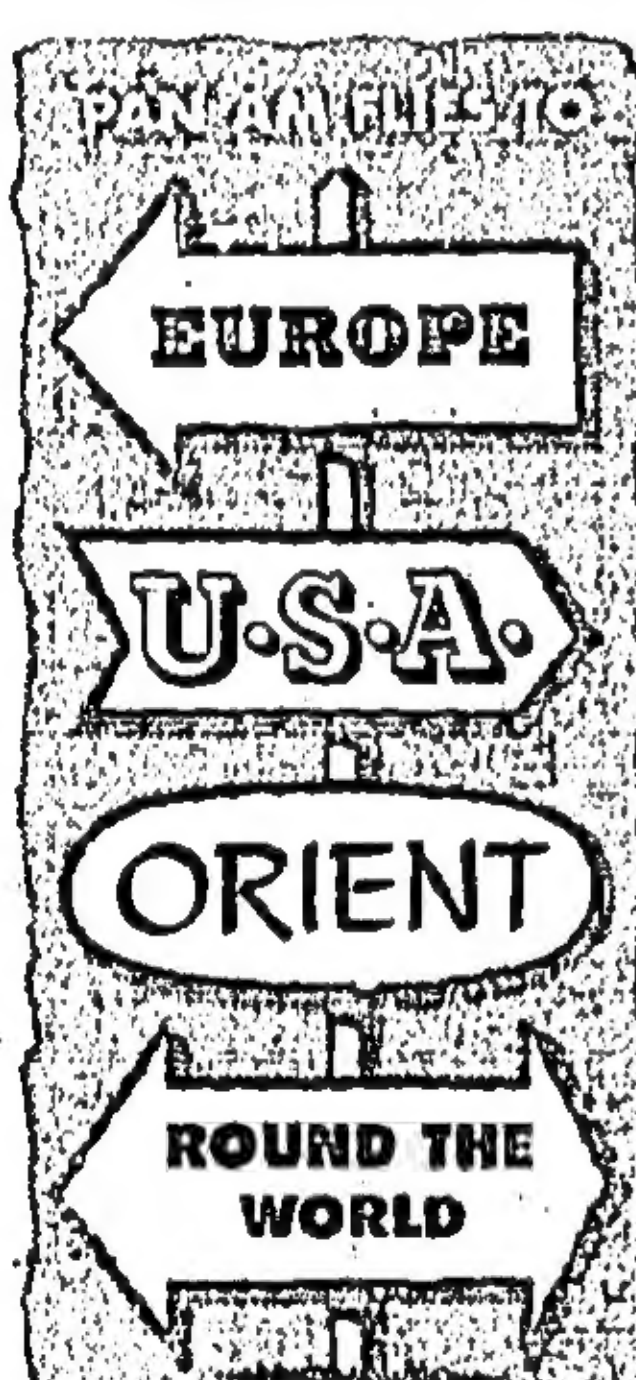
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JAPAN NEWSLETTER By DAVID GORDON KAMIKAZE TAXI DRIVERS HAVE KILLING SPREE

Tokyo.
Tokyo's terrible taxi-drivers ushered in the New Year with a two-day killing spree which accounted for 23 lives lost and nearly 100 others injured in various districts. The police blamed "poor visibility and slippery roads due to the heavy snowfall."

Of course the roads were slippery and at times visibility was limited to a few feet—conditions which did not deter this corps of maniacs in the slightest.

Those who failed to crash into other vehicles, streetcars or posts, overturned their cabs in symbolic gestures of the "kamikaze" spirit.

The simple expedient of fitting speed governors to taxis, trucks and minibuses—the three ranking offenders in the traffic anarchy—is obviously too ineffectual for the authorities to enforce.

Three years ago there were hundreds of Volkswagen taxis put into operation in this city. Today there is not one left.

The drivers discovered the remarkable acceleration obtainable by turning into minibus and the results were disastrous.

One here, some little time ago, in a final fit of frustration, got about revenge by crashing himself on the taxi.

He was a driver for one of the Embassies and on his way to work he crashed a formidable Buick of ancient vintage from the motor pool.

Fortifying himself with a fair measure of Japanese gin, he set out on one of the main streets and succeeded in hitting nine taxis before ending up against a telephone post, bruised and semi-conscious.

He explained to the police that he had been "driven to it by the behaviour of the taxi-drivers."

Citizens of Tonami City have been bitterly criticising the "negative attitude" of their Fire Brigade—and not without some reason.

It seems the firemen are very economy-minded and go through their regular drills dry in order to save the ¥100 levied by the Municipality for each five minutes of water used from the hydrants.

Through ignoring the hydrants, the Brigade has forgotten most of their locations. In a recent fire... almost in front of the Fire Station itself... a hydrant was found to be missing.

Confronted with the fact that the outlet was in its correct place all right... it was completely buried when that portion of the road was paved.

A sign of the times was seen in the falling off in attendance for the

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

Emperor's traditional New Year's Day public appearances.

Certainly the blanket of snow played a little part.

But on such a brilliant day, the lure of the new Tokyo Tower proved too much.

Queues of patient people waited for hours for their turn to look over the city and bow to distant Fujiyama from the observation deck.

Your correspondent was a guest at the opening of this world's tallest tower fortunately, as the entire 8,000,000 residents

of Tokyo now have a visit there as a "must" on their calendars.

One impatient and heroic foreigner—fed up with the wait for the elevators, took to the stairs. He made it to the top and spent the next two days in bed for his trouble.

Foreign residents who drive their own cars are often prone to speculate when their turn will come to collide with a noodle-vendor's delivery boy.

In tourist literature, these quaint and senseless characters, are described as being one of the "colourful attractions to be seen."

Residents feel rather differently about them as they ride their bicycles at top speed while balancing a stack of dishes filled with hot noodles and soup—and generally, on the wrong side of the street or in the opposite direction down one-way ones.

An acquaintance had his turn on New Year's Eve when one of these creatures bounded off an oncoming street-car into his front fender.

Sympathetic police paid him a dubious compliment after the usual measuring formalities, by informing him that "traces of violence were found within a radius of 40 feet from the scene of the crime."

But, hush! What East-side bum now dares invade the silence of our lousy forest glade?

Fairies! Let's go! At moonrise we will meet In Lefty's bar on 57th street. The dulcet strains of Ziggy's will grace our midnight revels, as we planned.

Bigger and better litter THE committee appointed in February 1955 to decide the right size for litter-bins has had its labours rudely interrupted. Hertfordshire bins, it is known, are the pride of the bin world. In one of them old beds, furniture, and a piano were discovered by a vigilant bin officer.

To the suggestion that smaller bins would be advisable, an expert replied: "There would have everybody throwing away plaids, old beds, and furniture on the pavements or in the gutters." A fanatic then suggested enormous bins for broken or discarded carvans and sofas and chairs. "We must think big," he shouted.

Footnote If you found a dead elephant on the pavement would you leave it there, or pop it into a litter-bin?



That Man Horne Again

Kenneth Horne almost loses his air of bland confidence as he helps to pull Kenneth Williams aboard just before the balloon goes up for the BBC comedy programme "Beyond Our Ken."

Assisting in the rescue are Hugh Paddick, Ron Moody, Patricia Lancaster and Betty Marsden.

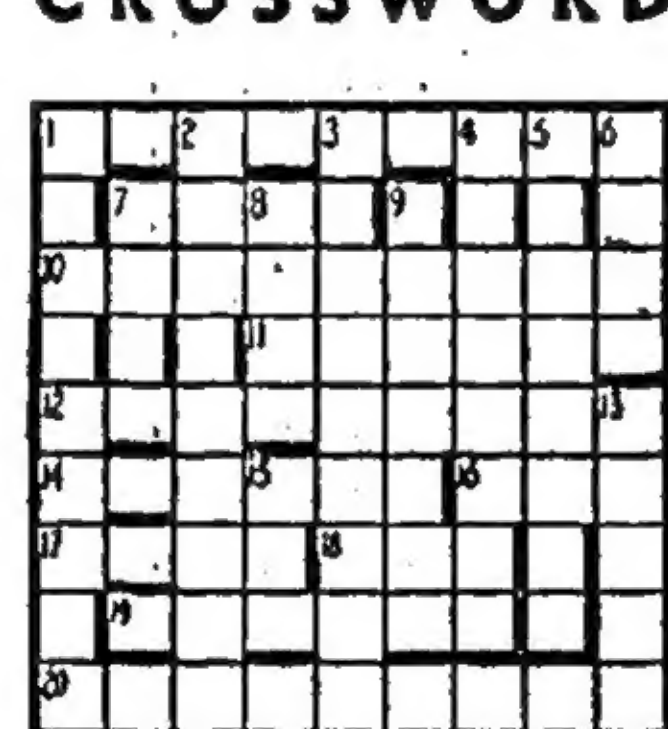
"Beyond Our Ken" first went on the air in July, 1958, and proved to be one of the wildest comedy programmes of the year.

Scriptwriters Eric Merriman and Barry Took say it is "a sort of radio show which includes this and that with bits and pieces from here and there on one thing and another."

Prime ingredient in its success is Kenneth Horne himself, well-known to listeners as one of the most polished artists in radio ever since he and Richard Murdoch established their long-running partnership in the BBC comedy series "Much Binding in the Marsh."

"Beyond Our Ken" was one of the first BBC programmes Kenneth Horne undertook after recovering from a sudden illness in 1958, which forced him to give up some of his heavy business commitments.

CROSSWORD



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KING'S & PRINCESS: Multi Academy Award film, "Bridge on the River Kwai," starring Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins and William Holden.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "Man of the West," starring Gary Cooper, Julie London and Leo J. Cobb.
STAR & METROPOLE: Michael Todd's "Around the World in Eighty Days," starring David Niven, Cantinflas and Robert Newton.
HOOPER & PARAMOUNT: "Party Girl," starring Robert Taylor, Cyd Charisse and Leo J. Cobb.
LEE & ASTOR: "Too Much, Too Soon," the dramatic story of Diana Barrymore, with Dorothy Malone starring, and Errol Flynn as her famous father.
RITZ: "Paris by Night" (Musical hall parade).
ORIENTAL: "Souramoucho," starring Robert Clavier.

Winning Pool Ticket Arrived Too Late

London, Jan. 7.
"Well," shrugged the man who had just lost a £112,500 win on the football pools; "that's how it goes."

"It was definitely not my lucky Christmas," said Joe Desborough, 39, a Wisbech shop porter at 24 a week whose winning entry in the Littlewoods football pool was delayed in the Christmas mail rush.

Desborough claimed a first dividend win for predicting the outcome of soccer matches played the Saturday before Christmas with a 23-point pool entry. The company paid first dividends on 22 points.

On Christmas Eve, the company sent Desborough a letter saying a complete search had proved that the coupon was never received.

Today, Desborough said another letter saying the "supposedly missing coupon was received today—too late to be included."

Prize Split Desborough said he had made exhaustive inquiries at the post office.

"But there is no way I can discover how the letter took five days to arrive in time, his first dividend would have been £112,500.

Meanwhile, the winning dividend was split many ways because of the relatively low number of points needed to win.

Biggest winner was Edmund Derbyshire of Manchester, who won £5,972 for a total of nine first dividends and 36 seconds.—U.P.I.

Tin Pan Alley Has Forgotten Christmas

London.
WHATEVER happened this year to that flood of New Christmas songs that used to surge out of Tin Pan Alley every year? No pantomime principal girl was without one. And almost every comic had a song he could call his own.

But this year Denmark Street was as dry as a Scottish Sunday. In the little clubs and pubs where the British tunesmiths once congregated in search of words to rhyme with Claus and Christmas this year's problem was to find something to go with hula hoop.

The other night in one of these licensed cupboards Harry the song plunger put his beer back on top of the piano and said:

"As far as Tin Pan Alley is concerned, Christmas can be given back to the kids. As a money spinner it no longer exists."

"Now in the old days," he played a chorus of I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus. "Now that," he said, "is strictly from the good old days. Remember? Tommie Connor wrote it in 1952. It became one of the greatest Christmas hits ever published. Connor and his publishers made a fortune out of it. But you don't get stuff around like that any more."

Six Gold Discs To his own accompaniment of White Christmas the song plunger said, "They say Irving Berlin made 100,000 dollars out of Bing Crosby's recording of that one alone. This year the record sales are expected to reach the 6,000,000 mark. Think of it. Six golden discs for one record."

In the curious accents of Denmark Street Harry the song plunger went on: "Mary's Boy Child got another airing this year and thus Harry Belafonte and the publishers are a lot richer than they were last year. But so far as new Christmas songs his are concerned you could look for enough and you still wouldn't find any."

A plump finger is pointed in the general direction of Portland Place as the song plunger says: "There you have one of the major causes for the decline in Christmas song production."

For the bulk of the blame is being put by song publishers on the British Broadcasting Corporation.

CRIPPLED MOTHER FEARS SONS

Sale, Cheshire.
The mother of two boys, aged nine and seven, said here that the boys had threatened to kill her because she was a cripple.

The boys were brought before the juvenile court by their mother as being beyond her control. She said they had been stealing from neighbours, swearing, coming home late at night and dropping matches through letter boxes.

"Life is not bearable and I cannot go on this way," said the mother.

"They said if I hated me and would kill me I did not give them money. Some of the things they say are horrible. One of them said he did not like a mother who was a cripple."

The boys said their mother's statement about them was correct. They were committed to the care of Cheshire County Council.—China Mail Special.

They smart under a Corporation ban that says that no new Christmas songs will be aired before November 24.

"Brainwash" Song publisher Ben Nisbet says: "You just can't get a song going in a month and a day. You've got to brainwash the public into accepting a song—and you can't rush it."

But songwriter Tommie Connor, one of Denmark Street's older inhabitants, has written more than 1,000 lyrics since he sold his first song My Tonio 32 years ago) blames lethargy in the publishing offices for the dearth of Christmas songs.

"Publishers," he says, "are ignoring Christmas contributions because they find it easier to sit back and accept every bit of rock 'n' roll and beat number rubbish that comes over from America."

"It seems to them to be the easiest way to make money. No risk, you see. For it is still assumed that if a thing goes down well in America the British teenager will automatically go for it."

Ironical "But there is money to be made from British Christmas songs."

Somewhat ironically Connor proves his point. "With two American writers I wrote a thing called Santa's Got Stuck in his Hula Hoop. It's making money in America. And here? Tin Pan Alley doesn't want to know about it."

So, for yet another year, Christmas revellers had to make do with White Christmas, Mary's Boy Child.

Or Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer Cha Cha Cha. —(London Express Service).

Target HOW many letters or cards can you send in a week? The letters in the square on the left in the making each word. The letters in the square on the right in the making each word.

Today's Target: In word-words, 18 words, very good, 20 words, excellent, 22 words, superb.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: How many letters or cards can you send in a week? The letters in the square on the left in the making each word. The letters in the square on the right in the making each word.

I prayed unto my Lord my God and made my confession.—Daniel 9:4.

After we confess we must make amends if we can; and turn from a bad way; Press-Atlas Bible Service, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Police Were Not Quite So Romantic

Turin, Italy, Jan. 7.
The policeman on his beat the other night thought the old man had brought his teenage grand-daughter out for a stroll until he heard the "grandfather" say imperiously:

"Dearest, you will have all you want from me—furs, jewelry, even a car. We will be happy."

The policeman did a double take, then stopped the couple and asked the girl: "Is he your grandfather?"

"No," she replied, "he is my fiancé."

The man was 73-year-old Gustavo Montorone, a well-to-do apartment house owner. His "niece" was a 13-year-old girl in grown-up clothes. The policeman took both in, then located their families.

The mother of the teenager said she did not oppose an early marriage between her daughter and Montorone. But the sons and married daughter of the Montorone charged that the girl and her mother were out to get Montorone's money.

Police, after checking up on the mother and daughter team, agreed and broke Cupid's bow by ordering the pair to get out of town.

Montorone went home to his children, still insisting he would find his would-be teenage bride angry and take her to the altar.—U.P.I.

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U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
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Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

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Eleonor Parker and Janet Leigh.
GRAND: "The Careless Years," starring Dean J. Agnew, Natalie Trundy and John Larch.
MAJESTIC: "Citrus Actors," Russian film with English narration.
CATHAY & LIBERTY: "Blazing a Trail to the Stars," in color.

NIGHT SPOTS
CARLTON HOTEL: Carlo Francese & His Combo.
PARAMOUNT: The Continental Revue with music by Glenn Miller and his Italian Combo.
PRINCESS GARDEN: The Dancin' Dancin', Frankie Parker and the Tricky Tricker Ken Littlewood.
CLOVER HOTEL: Peter Endaya and His Combo.
RADIO HONGKONG
8.30 p.m. Thursday Club—compiled and produced by Gillian Harding. 9 p.m. Signal. Portuguese Half Hour—presented by Hugo

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YOUR 10 BEST FILMS FOR 1958

Box Office Receipts Tell The Most Popular In Hongkong

By ANTHONY FULLER
CHINA MAIL FILM CRITIC

YOU chose these films as the best ten of 1958. I do not entirely agree with your choice, but the answer is in the box office.

On top is Paramount's "The Ten Commandments." There is not the slightest doubt that your choice is in line with the rest of the world. "The Ten Commandments" has scored everywhere, has broken many records, and is second only to "Gone with the Wind" as a box office success.

While admitting that "The Ten Commandments" is a production triumph, I think it was too uneven in pace to rate so high; for instance, the first half of the film was even laboured, whereas the forty years in the wilderness was permitted about fifteen minutes screening.

Good Choice

Also the trick photography was crude; the standing water and the magic fire were as crude as us to be offensive to hyper-sensitive people who hold this legend with fundamentalist tenacity.

Second is "The Bridge on the River Kwai." Now you are talking. This academy-winning

award which pushed Alec Guinness into the "actor of the year" position is a good choice.

To correct a number of errors, this film is not a British film, although it employs a number of British actors and technicians; actors Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins, with David Lean directing. But it was made by an American company, and is therefore an American triumph.

Out Of Sympathy

Third comes Warner Bros. "Sayonara." An extremely beautiful film, made with distinction with chief credit to the cameraman, Marlon Brando performed excellently as the American officer who undergoes a change of heart on the problem of consanguinity. Red Buttons also scored in this film, but permitting its casting and production triumphs, the film was altogether false in sentiment.

Fourth comes the unheralded "The Pride and the Passion," and 20th Century-Fox have to wait for "Peyton Place," to bring them in fifth.

"Peyton Place" was a Jerry Wald production, and certainly

well made, but its bid for a grand new world in which teenagers neck in droves, with the drawing room lights out, put it out of sympathy with the more conservative parents here. Thus 20th Century-Fox are among the also-rans.

There was a time when Hongkong would have placed its sixth choice first, but Mademoiselle A.B. while having her followers, does not send the blood pressures of the local boys high enough to romp home with the "placed" films.

So "And God Created Woman," is number six on the list.

Number seven comes home among the "unplaced" films, "Witness for the Prosecution." Many people in Hongkong make the same mistake as they do about "The Bridge on the River Kwai." This was not British either, although Charles Laughton stars the film.

Good Laugh

Also we must rate excellent performances from Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich. The film is a United Artists triumph.

"Don't Go Near the Water," brings MGM into the picture. This film scored all the way with a good laugh at Military absurdities. At last the States can look back and laugh, and that is a good sign. Fred Clark and Mickey Shaughnessy stand out in my mind in this film.

Number nine, and Fox come into the picture again with, "A Farewell to Arms." This brought Rock Hudson and Jennifer Jones in the lead, but the film did not come up to my expectations, nor to the expectations of 20th Century-Fox.

Way at the bottom of the list is "The Bravados," at number ten.

It Proves

What does Hongkong's choice prove? That Hongkong, in the main, is becoming a more discriminating audience. Time was when Hongkong's choice for the film of the year used to send even Hollywood laughing—1948, for instance, when Hongkong voted "Bathing Beauty" as the outstanding artistic achievement of the year.

Red Skelton was funny, and a younger Esther Williams, a fine demi-murel, but I ask you, Olivier's "Hamlet" was not even among the also-rans that year.

In fact, taking it by and large, and remembering that in every town of the world, where the choice is left, as it should be, to the audience, Hongkong audiences have selected well in line with popular choice.

Now My 3 Best

Now the Editor suggests that my selection might be of interest. Here goes then; the top three in this order.

1. "The Bridge on the River Kwai."
2. "Witness for the Prosecution."
3. "The True Story of Ah Q."

It will be noticed that no British production features in the list. British actors, yes. British producers, yes. But a complete British production, made entirely by a British unit, not.

Why is this? Because the men who know not film making have all the say in British films. In other words, the man who puts up the money runs the show, and that doesn't pay in film or stage productions.

Last Night's Piano Recital By Freda Blank

FREDA Blank, who last visited Hongkong three years ago, gave a piano recital last night in the Loko Yew Hall under the auspices of the Bernard Ho Concerts of Youth Organisation.

The programme, although it contained some numbers unfamiliar to the writer, was a well-balanced one. It started with the E Minor Prelude and Fugue by Mendelssohn who was such an admirer of Bach, and to whom we are so much indebted for the resuscitation of a portion of Bach's music.

Then followed the delicate No. 27 Sonata by Beethoven. The first half of the programme closed with Schumann's Scenes of Childhood, one of the "Scenes" of which is the familiar "Traumerei."

The second half included Debussy's Suite Bergamasque. Of its component parts, the "Clair de Lune" rather dwarfs the rest of this suite, but it was nice to hear it in its entirety.

After a short group which included delicate trifles by Casella and Turlina, the programme closed with Frank Bridge's Fairy Tale Suite.

This was well played. There was a link with the past here in that the pianist's teacher was a pupil of Clara Schumann and personally helped Frank Bridge to revise the proofs of his very suite before publication.

★ ★ ★

After the technical fireworks of Monday night's piano recital, there was an intimate fireside atmosphere at last night's concert. The music was addressed primarily to "students," an expression which presumably, in relation to a Hongkong concert, means teenagers who are studying some musical instrument under the guidance of a private tutor.

There was no attempt by the pianist to create any cheap emotional value by manner or otherwise. Still one would wish that pianists are not chased all over and off the stage by little children carrying bouquets of flowers.

We are all too familiar with the anti-climaxes that occur to some people in local organisations owing to the lack of a little "stage manners"—for lack of a better expression. Freda Blank is obviously a very experienced and musically pianist. Her Beethoven sounded like Beethoven. So did the Schumann. I think the latter and the Frank Bridge Suite were my favourites. She prefaced each work by a few introductory remarks. No one need feel they were being "taught" by this, I wish there was more of it.

On a rather different plane, those of us who were students at Edinburgh in the days of Professor Sir Donald Tovey will recall his Sunday evening concerts and the lifelong benefit which everyone derived from his scholarly and informative introductory remarks before each work was performed. — MUST-CALIS.

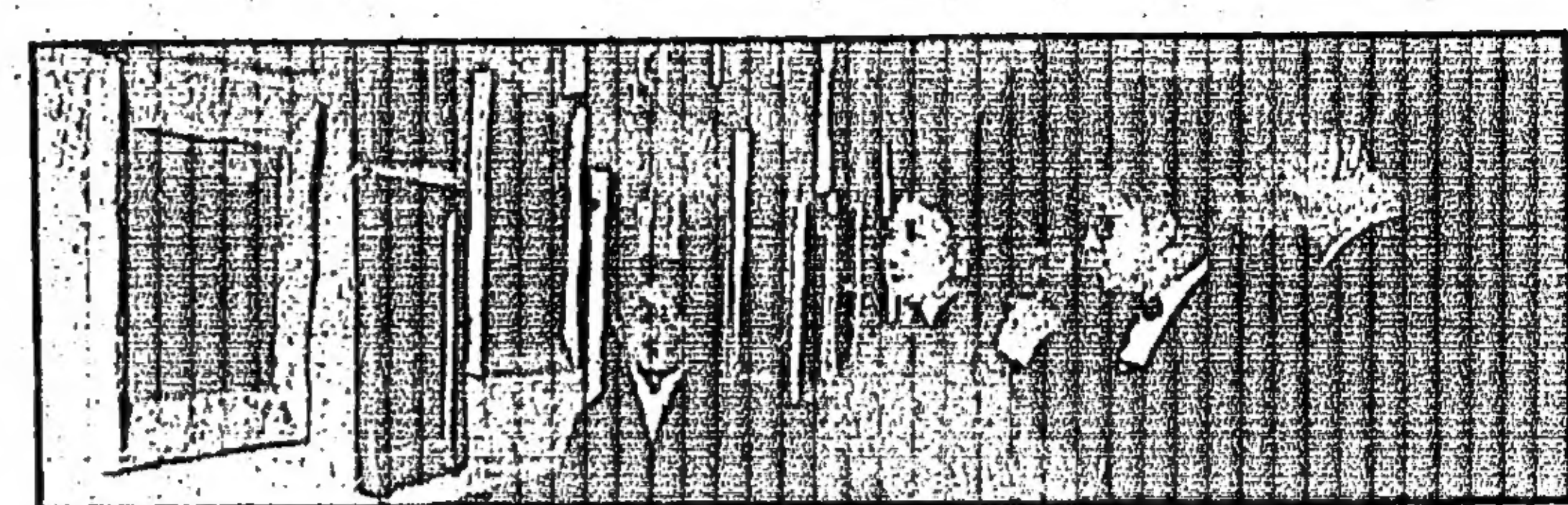
Ballet Group For Hongkong

A FRENCH ballet company of 25 with their American founder Miss Anna Galina are due to arrive in Hongkong on Monday to give three performances in Hongkong.

The company is called Art Theatre of Ballet. It has 10 dancers drawn from all over Europe. Its headquarters are in Monte Carlo.

The group is doing a Far East tour. It recently gave well-reviewed performances in Japan. Now it is in Manila. None of the company's stars are featured personally.

Exhibition Opens At St John's Hall



An exhibition of oil paintings by Mr M. S. Champion at St John's Cathedral Hall opened this morning. Here in this photograph taken by a China Mail cameraman is a group of visitors (from left to right) Mrs M. S. Champion, Mrs S. W. Chan and Mr Chan. On the right is Mr Champion who is discussing one of his paintings.

Resettlement Dept Report

POOR BUT RENT DEFAULTERS ARE FEW

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Hongkong's resettled squatters, which include some of the poorest families in the Colony, have an almost exemplary record for paying rent.

The Resettlement department reveals in its latest annual report that of almost \$5 million due in rent, only a little over \$2,000 was written off as irrecoverable arrears in a period of a year.

And of a resettlement area population now topping 273,000, only 104 had their occupation permits cancelled during the year 1957-58 for not paying rents.

These permits can be cancelled if the monthly rent—payable in advance and ranging from \$10 to \$28 a room—is more than 14 days in arrears.

But the Commissioner's report said in fact permits were not cancelled unless either the rent was more than 28 days in arrears or the tenant was persistently in arrears for 14 days late in paying his rent.

Some families in the resettlement blocks depend on "bread-winners" whose average earnings for casual labour or hawking is often less than \$100 a month.

How It's Fixed

When the first multi-storey resettlement blocks were under construction four years ago, it was decided to fix the rent for a standard room at a figure which would cover all annually recurrent costs and would also provide for the recovery in 40 years, with 3½ per cent interest of the original capital cost plus \$10 a sq. foot for land.

So that a family of two adults and two to four children pay \$10 a room of 85 square feet.

★ A family of three adults and three to five children pay \$14 for a room of 120 sq. ft.

★ A family of four adults and four to six children pay \$18 for 152 sq. ft.

★ Big rooms of 240 square feet for big families or two smaller families wanting to

share have a rent of \$28 a month.

This contrasts with rents of as much as \$25 a month for a cubicle as small as 50 square feet paid by the many squatters still living in wooden huts in uncleared areas.

These huts, some of which house 50 or 60 families and are two or three storeys high, bring in revenues in excess of \$1,000 a month for absentee "squatter landlords."

Total expenditure on the resettlement scheme now exceeds \$92 million. In the present financial year the Colony is budgeting to spend almost \$27 million.

The report estimates that about 280,000 squatters still have to be resettled but the figure is not reliable.

CONSPIRACY AGAINST ME, GIRL TELLS THE COURT

A 21-year-old waitress who appeared in the Criminal Court this morning against a conviction of receiving stolen money alleged that three witnesses brought forward by the Prosecution had conspired against her.

The waitress Yeung Kwai-ni alias Rita Yeung, alias Yeung Wai, of E. Jordan Road, ground floor, Kowloon, was convicted on December 9, by Mr P. F. X. Leonard in the Kowloon Magistracy. It was alleged she received \$2,550 the property of Chan Kwai-ho, owner of the Wo Cheung Cheung Restaurant where she was employed.

But after she gave her explanation, the judge said: "There is ample evidence to support the conviction," and he dismissed the appeal.

On her conviction, Rita Yeung was fined \$750 and bound over for two years in the sum of \$1,500.

Before Mr Justice Scholes this morning she said there had been no evidence to support the charge of which she had been convicted.

"I don't understand what the Learned Magistrate relied on at all," she said.

Car Stolen

A private car was stolen from Mody Road between 9 a.m. and 9.20 p.m. yesterday.

A Story Coloured In New York

STAFF REPORTER

Movie Director, Lewis Gilbert, recently back from shooting scenes in Macao for the film "Ferry to Hongkong," this morning described a newspaper report from New York saying the film crew had been getting Chinese Communist propaganda interference, as "vastly, vastly exaggerated," and "taken in the wrong light."

He added they had received good co-operation from everybody in Macao.

"All that really happened was that a Chinese barge passed by the waterfront. It turned on its loudspeaker and began to play Chinese music. For a bit of fun, we turned ours on too, and we all ended up, by way of one another."

Mr Jerry Lewis, Publicity Director for J. Arthur Rank, explained that he had released a story on this incident, written in a "light jocular vein," to his New York office.

He called the cable appearing in this morning's paper "non-sense," adding that the wrong view had been taken of it.

The New York spokesman, releasing the information in New York, said that as Lewis Gilbert looked through his camera he was startled to see Red Chinese flags all over the waterfront on the Communist side of the border.

The spokesman added that the border was gaily posted with placards declaring "Peace for Formosa," and that loudspeakers blared forth martial music and political slogans.

\$20 Fines

Summoned for mooring their motor launches off the Praya wall in Connaught Road West without mooring lights, in the early hours of January 4, two coxswains, Chan Kam-chuen and Kwok Kam-moon, were each fined \$20 by Mr C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

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From the Files

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THE work of erecting a magnificent new Confucius Hall will be commenced in Caroline Hill Road shortly.

The work of laying the foundation which alone has cost \$80,000 has been completed and construction work on the building itself has been placed in hand.

When completed 12 months hence the temple will stand as one of the most picturesque buildings in the Colony, erected as a place of worship for the followers of China's most revered sage and writer.

Mr Kan Hung-chao initiated the project by donating the site of the temple. The hall is erected under the patronage of Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon R. H. Kotewall, the Hon Mr S. W. Ts'o and Hon T. N. Chau.

After sitting on top of a 75-foot pole in Shanghai for more than four weeks, "Smoky Bill," the world's champion flag-pole sitter, was still "up" last week. He is out to beat his own 77-day four-hour record.

From the SCMP's 25 Years Ago column: Yesterday His Excellency the Governor laid the foundation stone of the new south wing of St Stephen's College. He was met at the College by his Lordship Bishop Lander and the Rev. Mr Barnett, warden of the college.

Following the disappearance of a Chinese clerk from the paint department of Messrs Dandell and Company, investigations have revealed embezzlements from the firm totalling between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Mr Ireson of the Green Island Cement Company and Mrs Ireson, two old residents of Macao, left for England last week. Owing to the curtailing of activities, the Green Island Cement Company has had to dispense with the services of Mr Ireson who, as superintendent at Macao of the works, rendered great service to his company. Mr Ireson successfully urged the Government to impose an import duty on cement. He had resided in Macao for 14 years.

NEW GOVT OFFICES READY BY APRIL

STAFF REPORTER

Construction work on the new Government office building at the junction of Queen's Road and Ice House Street, is now nearing completion, and the block should be ready for occupation in April, about four months behind schedule.

Six Government departments will be moving into the six-storey building, which will be fully-air conditioned. The departments are, Treasury, Internal Revenue, Public Relations, the Registrar General, the Director of Audit and the Urban Services Department.

Construction began in February, 1957, when it was believed the building would be completed by the end of 1959.

U.S. Admiral Here

Vice-Admiral John M. Will, Commander of the United States Military Sea Transportation Service, arrived this morning by military aircraft from Taipei for an overnight stay before flying to Manila.